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Sparks receives Otsego Outstanding Alumnus Award

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Each year, Otsego Public Schools honors a past graduate with the Outstanding Alumnus Award during the Otsego High School Honors Night.

This year's honoree was Brian Spark.

Described as a "lifelong bulldog" in a release from OPS, Sparks—a 1985 Otsego High School graduate—continues to make an impact on the district and its students.

Best known as Coach Sparks, he's coached at Otsego for 37 years in addition to working for OPS with the grounds and maintenance department.

According to Sparks, being selected for this award was humbling.

"It's a true honor," he said of receiving the Outstanding Alumnus Award. "All the people that I've been able to work with here over the last 40 years—some of them who are on this wall (referencing the Outstanding Alumni display)—be thought of as someone like them is a pretty big honor."

Sparks began his coaching tenure with Otsego High School as a member of the high school football staff, a role he continues. He has coached the high school wrestling team for the past 17 years.

In addition to his work at the high school level, Sparks as coached middle school wrestling and helped with youth wrestling and football programs for many years.

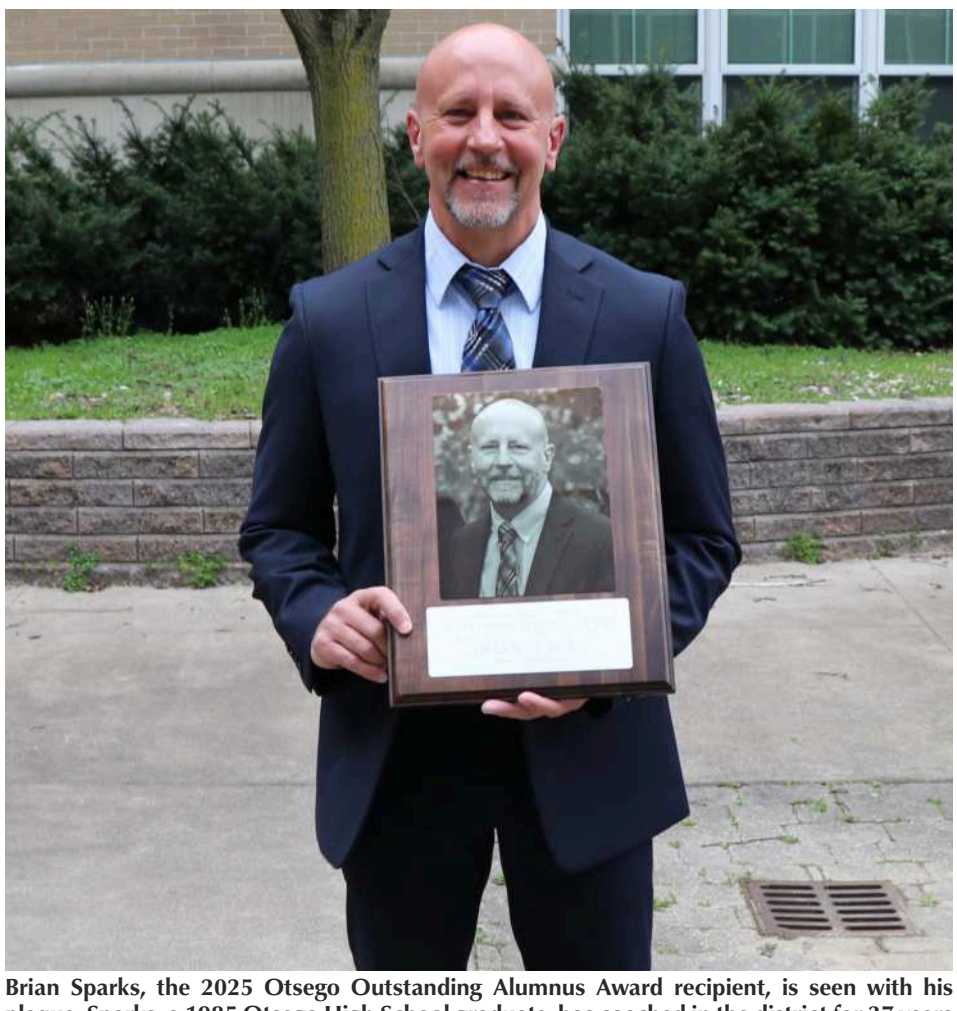
Getting into the coaching ranks seemed like a natural progression for Sparks.

During his high school career, he was a competitive athlete. The coaches and teachers he met along the way served as mentors for him in addition to being a positive influence in his life.

He wanted to give back to his community by serving in that same capacity to the student-athletes in the district who followed him.

So when he was invited to join the coaching staffs for football and wrestling shortly after graduating, he didn't hesitate to say "yes."

"At that time, I knew my passion and commitment for this town and the school system where I wanted to continue to grow," he said. "Without (being offered those coaching positions), I never would have been introduced to what I love to do now."



Brian Sparks, the 2025 Otsego Outstanding Alumnus Award recipient, is seen with his plaque. Sparks, a 1985 Otsego High School graduate, has coached in the district for 37 years and works for the district's grounds and maintenance department. (Photo provided)

According to Sparks, the athletes he coaches and their families have become his "community."

That feeling is mutual, based on the comments made by the person who nominated Sparks for the award.

"Brian is always there to help anyone anytime, whether it's taking them to and from practice when they need a ride, helping them with homework or supplying them with a meal if needed," according to Spark's nomination. "He has been a mentor and a role model for many students during his time here at OHS.

"He is more than just a coach. He is a friend and someone that many students look up to even beyond their years at OHS."

Sparks finished his acceptance speech by speaking directly to the students in attendance.

"No matter what path you choose in your life, there are four things you need to think of," he said, before encouraging them to define what success means to them, find their community, find their passion and commit to it.

He also pointed out that there is more than one path to success.

"I wasn't a kid who went on to college after high school," he said. "So, I think it says that you can still find great success just finding a passion and trying to live that passion out and finding ways you can be successful in a different route."

Summer children's theater returns to Plainwell

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Children's theater is returning to Plainwell for the upcoming summer.

The Plainwell Arts Council recently announced the Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) will put on a production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" featuring more than 60 local students.

The performance will take place on Saturday, June, 21, at the Plainwell Performing Arts Center. The show, which begins at 7 p.m., will be the culmination of a weeklong theater intensive that begins with auditions for the show on Monday, June. 16.

"Venture into the terrifying Black Forest with Snow White and her friends for this performance," said Cathy Green of the Plainwell Arts Council in a release. "An original musical adaptation of this classic tale, the performance is sure to thrill audiences of all ages."

Auditions are scheduled for 9:50 a.m. on Monday, June 16, at the Performing Arts Center. Any students in the Plainwell school district in kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to audition.

According to Green, auditions will last for two hours, and some cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

There is no cost to participate, and parents may pre-register their children for auditions at Ransom District Library. Those registrations will be accepted through Friday, June 6.

Registration is not required to audition, but those who do register in advance will be given first right at the rehearsals.

The production can take up to 65 children. Lunch will be provided by the Plainwell High School food services staff for those students staying for afternoon rehearsals.

No advanced preparation is required to auction, according to Green.

Roles that will be cast include: Snow White; Snow White's friends Phineas, Foxy and Fernando; the Queen; the seven dwarfs; forest animals; Black Forest creatures; the magic mirror; bats; henchmen; and the King.

"The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery and props," Green said.

MCT Tour actors and directors will be in charge of conducting the rehearsals throughout the week.

Rehearsals are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. from Monday, June 16, through Friday, June 20.

"Some actors will not be required the entire time, so flexibility in scheduling is helpful," Green said.

Assistant directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week, and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

According to the MCT's website, the group's vision is: "To be a vibrant and inclusive hub for the performing arts in Missoula and the communities we serve, where children and adults of all backgrounds and abilities can come together to learn, grow, create, and have fun.

Children are seen performing in past children's theater productions. This year, Plainwell will put on "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

"Through our commitment to excellence, innovation and community engagement, we aim to inspire and entertain audiences, develop lifelong skills in our participants, and contribute to the cultural vitality and social fabric of every community we serve.

"We aspire to be a place where creativity thrives, where lifelong friendships are formed, and where the magic of live performance is accessible to all."

Ticket's for "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" are $10. All seats are general admission.

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Wayland Schools break ground on new pool

By Piper Raab

Superintendent Tim Reeves, of Wayland Union Public Schools announced the Pool Groundbreaking Ceremony, on the evening of Monday, April 14th to nearly 100 on-lookers, at 5:00pm. Mr. Reeves proclaimed, "This amazing project will be used for the community, fun and wellness… It will be here where many, many, memories and moments will be made for many years to come."

The pool building site is located on the west side of the Wayland High School campus. It was a beautiful sunny and windy day. The winds calmed down just enough for the honorary group photos to be taken. Thankfully no sand was blown into the eyes of the participants and spectators. Elizabeth Stein, the district Communications Specialist, was the event coordinator and photographer. Nine group photos were taken, as everyone had the opportunity to join in.

In a telephone interview, Superintendent Tim Reeves stated, "The budget for the pool is $17 million and the bond passage was voter approved in May of 2023. The completion time frame is proposed to be about 18 – 24 months."

Site of new pool

Immediately after the Pool Groundbreaking, the Wayland Union Public Schools, Board of Education meeting, was held. The evening meeting, located in the library, started off with the announcements to honor 70 nominations recipients for Outstanding Educator of the Year Awards, for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

The three top finalists were selected to represent Wayland Public Schools at the Allegan County Outstanding People for Education Awards Dinner. Their names are: Karri Bailey, Principal at Steeby Elementary, Jamie Berens, Clerical Aide at Dorr Elementary and Deb Wagner, Kitchen Manager at Wayland High School.

Elizabeth Stein commented, "The 70 people nominated is a record for Wayland Public Schools." Superintendent Tim Reeves said about his staff members chosen, "These 70 nominees are a testament to the dedication and excellence here at Wayland."

Teresa Fulk, Director of Instruction of Wayland Public Schools, was also present at the School Board meeting. She graciously said, "We have been hard at work organizing our Summer School Program. It will be taking place at RJ Steeby Elementary," located at: 435 East Superior Street, Wayland, MI 49348. The sessions will run on: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday--8:00am to 12:00pm, noon for Y-5's through 8th grade students.

"Invitations have already been placed in the mail and room for class size is somewhat limited. An additional 3 to 4 children, in each grade level, is still available. Invitations will be sent out for High School students near the end of the 3rd Trimester for consideration of need and credit recovery," Teresa Fulk said. A total of 120 students will comprise the classes and will be equipped with: 10 teachers, 4 aides, and 1 coordinator.

Superintendent Tim Reeves with former Mayor Burrell Stein

Transportation will be provided with 3 school buses. For questions and further information about the Summer School Program, Teresa Fulk may be contacted at: 269.792.2181.

On a final note, The Wayland Union High School Theater will present the musical "Rock of Ages: Teen Edition," on Friday, May 9th at: 7:00pm and Saturday, May 10th at: 3:00pm and 7:00pm.

As quoted from the school website, "This Tony Award-nominated, Broadway Musical (original edition) features the hits of bands, including: Night Ranger, REO Speedwagon, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister, Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, and Whitesnake. Ticket sales are online (wuftickets.ludus.com) and at the door (cash/card). However, you'll be limited to what seats will still be available."

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City residents may place leaves and brush at the street's edge for pick up.

Thurs., Apr. 24, 2025, 6pm: 17th Annual Lifeline Gala
The Silo 1071 32nd St. Allegan

Fri., Apr. 25, 2025, 10am: Arbor Day Celebration
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan

Fri., Apr. 25, 2025, 4-9pm: Cocktail & Appetizer Trail
Wayland Downtown Wayland

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 8am: 2025 Poker Ride
Silver Creek Equestrian Park 3900 134 Ave. Hamilton

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 8-10:30am: Community Pancake Breakfast
Hungry for Christ 4565 135th Ave. Hamilton

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 9am-2pm: Seedling Pickup
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan

Sat., Apr. 26 – Sun., Apr. 27, 2025: Shipshewana on the Road – Allegan
Allegan County Fairground Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Apr. 23, 2025, 6pm: Understanding Medicare with Rebecca Artz
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
Rebecca Artz with Kiss Financial Advisors will teach participants about finding Medicare coverage that works. Register at 269 673-4625.

Thurs., Apr. 24, 2025: Preschool Storytime
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
3-6 yr. olds are invited to listen to stories and do other activities.

Thurs., Apr. 24, 2025, 6pm: 17th Annual Lifeline Gala
The Silo 1071 32nd St. Allegan
Hosted by Safe Harbor, Child Advocacy Center, an evening to raise awareness and funds to support victims of child abuse and neglect in the community. Register at development@safeharborcac,org by April 11th.

Fri., Apr. 25, 2025, 10am: Arbor Day Celebration
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
The City will plant a Firestarter Tupelo Tree as part of their celebration. For 39 years, Allegan has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA. All are invited.

Fri., Apr. 25, 2025, 10:30am: Sing Song Family Yoga
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
Join Deb Weiss-Gelmi for yoga, music and literacy that engages kids and caregivers. All ages.

Fri., Apr. 25, 2025, 4-9pm: Cocktail & Appetizer Trail
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Fri., Apr. 25, 2025, 4:30-8pm: Fish FRYday
LYNX Golf Course 900 Lincoln Rd. Otsego
Enjoy fried pollack, fries, coleslaw & bread.

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 8am: 2025 Poker Ride
Silver Creek Equestrian Park 3900 134 Ave. Hamilton
Friends of Allegan County Equestrian Trail System (FACETS) will host their annual fundraiser. Come and enjoy the ride and fill your poker hand.

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 8-10:30am: Community Pancake Breakfast
Hungry for Christ 4565 135th Ave. Hamilton
Hungry for Christ, Food Ministry invite everyone to enjoy a wonderful breakfast. There is no charge, but donations are welcome to support the work of the food ministry. www.hungryforchrist.org.

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 9am-2pm: Seedling Pickup
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan
Preorders and Day of Sale tree seedlings can be pickup.

Sat., Apr. 26 – Sun., Apr. 27, 2025: Shipshewana on the Road – Allegan
Allegan County Fairground Allegan
Explore the Gift, Food and Craft Show for a weekend of fun where you'll find anything and everything under the sun!

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
11am: Teen Escape Room Day! Grades 6-12. Solve the puzzles and riddles to solve the mystery.
11am: Lumberjacks of Michigan. Jerry Burg brings a compelling presentation on the history and culture of Michigan Lumberjacks.

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 4:30-6:30pm: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan
Enjoy a lovely Italian dinner to support the Congregational Kitchen repairs and updates so they can continue providing hot meals to the Allegan Community.

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 6pm & Sun., Apr. 27, 2pm: One Acts Festival – Youth Edition
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
The Youth take the stage for the 11th Annual one Acts Festival.

Mon., Apr. 28, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
1pm: Craft & Snack. Bring a project and supplies then chat and work. Light refreshments provided.
3:30pm: Pokemon Kids Club. Ages 5-11 can come into the world of Pokemon. Bring cards to trade, make a Pokemon-themed crafts and catch those critters.

Mon., Apr. 28, 2025, 4-8pm: Stitch Night at the Den
The Bear & Fox Yarn Den 141 Brady St. Allegan
All are welcome to drop in for a casual evening of fun stitching in The Den! Bring your crochet, knit, embroidery- whatever fiber art and enjoy some fellowship!

Mon., Apr. 28, 2025, 4-5pm: Small Business Support Group
Tantrick Down Under 241 Riverfront Plaza. Allegan
Current and prospective small business owners in the Allegan area can get together with other small business owners for conversation about business.

Tues., Apr. 29, 2025, 10am: Arbor Day Celebration
North Ward Early Childhood 440 River Street Allegan
The students will plant an Eastern White Pine to recognize the importance of trees in our environment.

Tues., Apr. 29, 2025, 10:30am: Lapsit Storytime
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
0-2 year olds and their caregivers can enjoy stories and games.

Wed., Apr. 30, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
10am: Play Café. Caregivers can enjoy coffee while the little ones 0-7 yrs. have fun with Play-Doh.
4pm: Earth Science with Curious Kids Museum. Curious Kids will present Earth's geological past, natural disaster, extreme weather, environmental changes, various bodies of water and more with hands-on activities.

Wed., Apr. 30, 2025, 2-4pm: Friends on Wednesday – Diabetes
1st Presbyterian 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Learn about diabetes and have questions answered by specialist Mary Harnish and dietitian Jason Nicolai from Ascension Borgess Hospital. This is an opportunity to learn while enjoying conversation with others.

Thurs., May 1, 2025, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
3-5 yr. olds can enjoy stories and activities.

Thurs., May 1, 2025, 11:30-1pm: CCW Connected Chamber Women's Luncheon
Pine Rest Postma Center 300 68th St. SE Bldg. C Grand Rapids
Members Only network with 100 Chamber ladies from West Michigan. Enjoy lunch, conversation & a presentation by Kristen Nitz. For more info & to register by Apr. 22nd at call 269.673.2479 or email director@alleganchamber.com.

Thurs., May 1, 2025, 7-8pm: Allegan Jaycees General Meeting
Join a group of young people 18-40, and help provide development opportunities to create a positive community. All are welcome. The Sassy Olive, 125 Locust St, Allegan

Thurs., May 1, 2025, 6:30pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan
Test your knowledge against other teams.

Fri., May 2, 2025, 6pm: Teen Nerf Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
Teens in grades 6-12 can register to nerf it out in the stacks or play other games. Register at 269 673-4625

Fri., May 2 (5pm) – Sun., May 4, 2025 (11am): JCI Growth Academy
Camp Kidwell 39000 1st Ave. Bloomingdale
Jaycees will gather to inspire participants to determine their personal motivation to be leaders and build leadership skills. Contact Kayleigh Gratz kvgratz@gmail.com

Sat., May 3, 2025, 11am: Teen & Adult Dungeons & Dragons
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
Ages 12 & up can learn and play D&D with those who can teach it. Register at 269 6773-4625.

Sat., May 3, 2025, 11am-Noon: Civil War Gravestone Dedication
Oakwood Cemetery Western Ave. Allegan
Honor 4 Union soldiers whose graves have been unmarked since their passing. All are welcome.

Sat., May 3, 2025, 4-6pm: Beaded Succulent Plant Workshop
Tantrick Down Under 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
EccentriC Garden will host a special workshop. Reserve a spot https://eccentricgarden.com/pages/class-landing .

Sun., May 4, 2025, 7pm: The Wildwoods
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
The Wildwoods had been releasing incredibly attractive music saturated with fabulous fold and country motifs. They combine charming vocal lines with acoustic instruments making them true masters of their craft. Reserved seating. Purchase tickets on the Griswold Auditorium website.

Mon., May 5, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
6pm: Teen Game Night. Grades 6-12 can have an evening of games of all kinds with friends.
6pm: Plant & Puzzle Swap. All puzzles and plants are free to leave and take or swap. Full plants, cuttings, and seeds are welcome.

Mon., May 5, 2025, 4-8pm: Stitch Night at the Den
The Bear & Fox Yarn Den Brady St. Allegan
Drop in anytime for a casual evening of fun stitching. Bring your own project.

Tues., May 6, 2025: Library Fun
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime. Help Me Grow Allegan will facilitate the stories and activities.
5:30pm: Gentle Yoga. Stacy Harbour will guide participants through gentle, full=body yoga. Register at 269 673-4625.

Wed., May 7, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
6pm: Wiggle Worms Play n' Learn. Ages 0-3 can enjoy an evening of stories, activities and songs.
6pm: Pintesting. Make a trending craft. Register at 269 673-4625.

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Downtown Allegan turns up volume this Summer with free concerts

By Parker Johnson

Downtown Allegan's favorite summer tradition is back! Rollin' on the River 2025 - a free, weekly Friday night concert series - kicks off June 13 and runs through August 29 on the Allegan Riverfront Stage. Featuring touring musicians from around Michigan and beyond, the series promises an unforgettable summer of music, energy, and immaculate riverside vibes.

Every Friday (except July 4), two hours of live music begin at 7:00pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair, relax by the water, and enjoy the sounds of rock, blues, funk, country, hip-hop, reggae, Americana, and more. Bring the kids to the family-friendly event and cool off at the 100-person splash pad, or warm up around the 20-foot fireplace on those cool summer nights.

Concertgoers can also take full advantage of the Downtown Allegan Social District, where adult beverages are welcome (if that's your thing). Grab a drink from your favorite downtown spot, stroll along the riverfront, and settle in for a great night of music under the setting sun.

Here's the 2025 lineup:

• June 13: Patty Pershayla
• June 20: Da'Veonce & DaFunk Gang
• June 27: Asamu Johnson & The Associates of the Blues
• July 11: The Bootstrap Boys
• July 18: Big Timmy & The Heavy Chevys
• July 25: Raquel & The Wildflowers
• August 1: Kyle Brown & The Human Condition
• August 8: Zion Lion
• August 15: The Nathan Moore Affair
• August 22: The Fat Animals
• August 29: Cowboy Angels

Start every weekend of summer with live music, good company, and a front-row seat to the best view in Downtown Allegan. For more information, visit downtownallegan.com or follow @downtownallegan on Facebook and Instagram.

Rollin' on the River is sponsored by Allegan Credit Union, Allegan True Value, Gorden Funeral Residence, Tibbitts Financial Consulting, and The Team at Weichert Realtors - Platinum Group.

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The Wildwoods to perform at Griswold

By Gari Voss

The Wildwoods happily agreed to fit Allegan in between performing in Ann Arbor, MI and Syracuse, NY on their national tour to share their "music saturated with fabulous folk and country motifs" (Indie Dock Music Blog).

Sunday, May 4, 2025, 7pm, the trio of acoustic instrumentalists/vocalists bring their enchanting music to the Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard St., Allegan, MI.

The husband and wife duo of Noah Gose (guitar) and Chloe Gose (violin) are joined by long-time friend Andrew Vaggalis (bassist) to bring their delicate harmonies and descriptive lyrics that arise from the heart of Nebraska. In a short time, the trio have become a force in the folk scene as finalists at the FreshGrass Music Festival Band competition and Gems on VHS Gems in the Rough competition in 2023. They have also performed for NPR's Tiny Desk Concerts.

Tour publicist Mike Farley explained, "Their story is a symphony of exploration and connection, a journey that has taken them from the Midwest to international stages, carving out a unique place in the folk landscape. Their presence has graced stages alongside artists such as Mighty Poplar, Sierra Ferrell, Aiofe O' Donovan, Melissa Carper, Jamie Wyatt and Joe Nichols at concerts and festivals like Summerfest, FreshGrass and the Oyster Ridge Music Festival."

The Wildwoods united because of their passion for folk/Americana. Since the decision to create music together, their journey has unfolded with albums "Sweet Nostalgia, "Birdie & Goose", "Across a Midwest Sky", "Foxfield Saint John", and they just released their fifth album, "Dear Meadowlark". Their music is said to "weave intricate chord structures and emotional textures that defy genre boundaries. Together, their harmonies resonate with artful sincerity, drawing inspiration from nature, their shared experiences of growing up in Nebraska, and life on the road."

The trio stated, "Every note we play is a chapter in our story, a journey through the heart of American roots music. We're The Wildwoods, where each lyric is a leaf in the vast forest of our sound."

The Allegan Area Arts Council is excited to host The Wildwoods. Paula Mintek, a long-time AAAC board member, accidentally discovered The Wildwoods on Instagram, and fell in love with their rich harmonies, their unique blend of folk with other styles, and their evocative sound.

"We focus a lot on the visual arts, so we've wanted to host a music performance for quite some time. In addition, net proceeds will go towards summer arts camp scholarships for area HS students. The AAAC used to sell beverages at the popular Cabaret Band shows, but since those have ended, for now, we need to find an annual event to receive the needed funds," shared Mintek. "We are sure that those who attend this concert won't be disappointed. The Wildwoods truly engage with their audiences and frequently receive standing ovations. Their cover of the song 'Home' has over a million streams on Spotify."

The doors will open at 6pm with the Downtown Allegan group selling beverages and snacks. All seats are reserved. Tickets ($30, $25) can be purchased at the Griswold Auditorium website www.griswoldallegan.com or via the QR code on the arts council website: www.alleganarts.com.

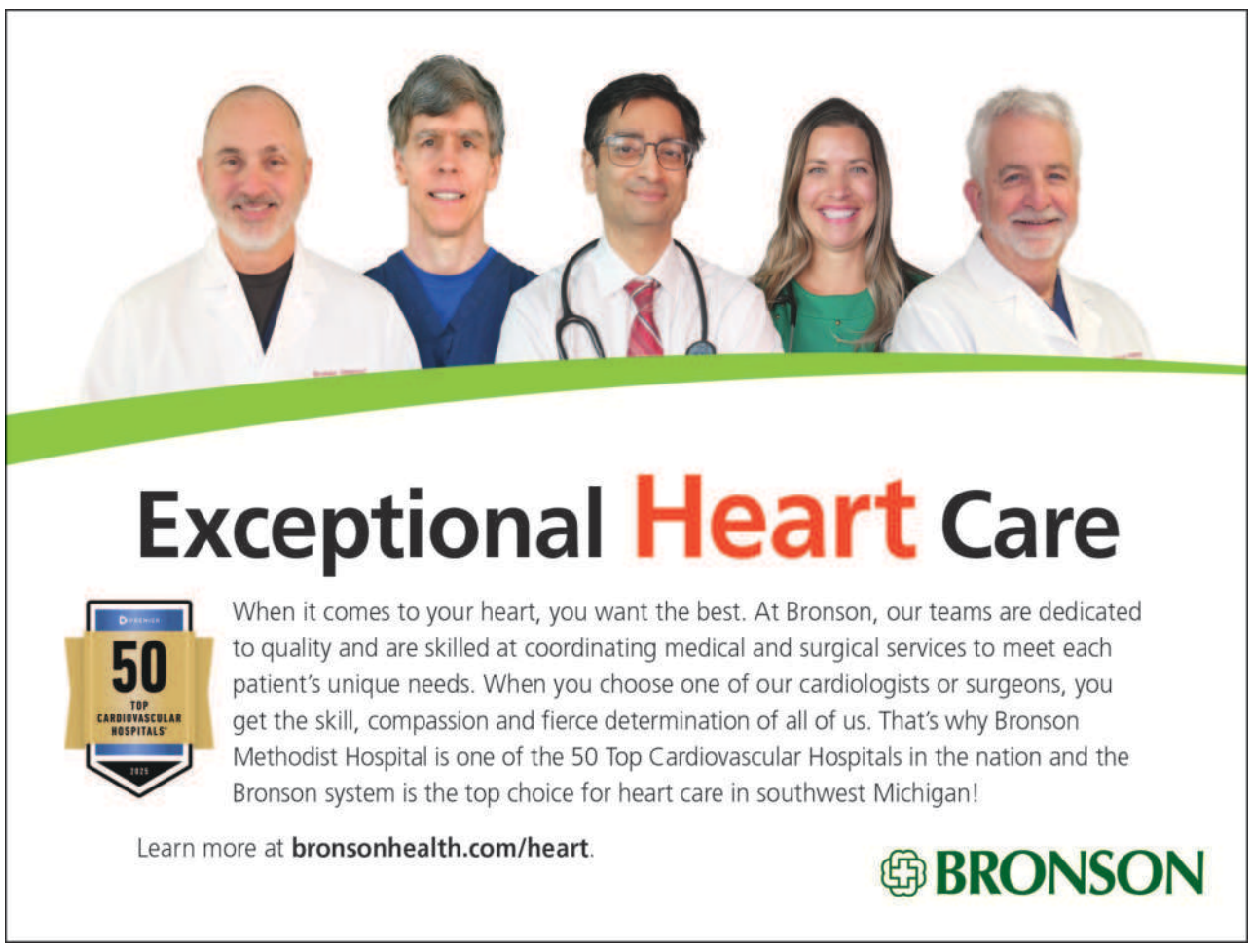
Police seek whereabouts of Dorr man recklessly shooting gun

On 04/18/25 around 10:41am multiple agencies were dispatched to a Dorr Twp residence on 21st St near 142nd Ave for a subject being disorderly on the property and recklessly discharging a firearm. Upon arrival of law enforcement, the subject fled the property on foot. A K-9 track and perimeter were established to search for the subject but were unsuccessful. The Allegan County Sheriff's Office does not believe the subject is any threat to the general public.

The subject is going to be 26 year old Brandon

Arlan Ras-Devries who has multiple valid warrants for his arrest. He was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and a yellowish colored ball cap. Attached is his last booking photo from the Allegan County Jail. If anyone has the known whereabouts of Brandon Rras-Devries, please all Allegan Central Dispatch at 269-673-3899.

The Allegan County Sheriff's Office was assisted in this incident by the Gun Lake Tribal Police, Wayland Police Department and Michigan State Police.



Quicksand drama turns in to romantic relationship

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

I was flipping channels the other night when a question was asked. What did you fear most as a kid? There were a variety of answers but one of the answers was quicksand.

I immediately concurred. Quicksand was fear of mine for no particular reason other than as a kid I had heard horror stories of this person or that getting stuck, and even some not being able to get out without the help of emergency personnel.

I carefully watched my step when I hunted for bullfrogs in local swamps. I vividly remember a friend getting stuck in a swam nearly knee deep. It took us an hour to dig him out. It happened again, in a marshy area while fishing, This time I was the one that needed assistance.

Then as my quicksand thoughts waned, I saw a photo and read a post on social media about a man who was stuck waist deep in quicksand and was fearing for his life waiting for emergency personnel to arrive. The photo went viral, with thousands of people viewing O'Brien stuck in quicksand.

Mitchell O'Brien and Breanne Sika, co-workers at a recovery center in Traverse City, who were kind of dating were hunting for an unusual blue slag at sunset on Lake Michigan in Leland, when they encountered a large pipe snaking across the beach, spewing slurry from a hydraulic sledge that was vacuuming sand from the harbor bottom.

The hydraulic sledge is owned by Lelant Township, which periodically dredges the harbor. This year they are removing 60,000 cubic yards of sand, that they will in turn use to build up area beaches.

O'Brien stepped into the area where the sledge was spewing, and presto, he was knee deep in quicksand. O'Brien said, It didn't look that bad. It just looked like wet sand. Most of it was firm enough to walk on. Then all of a sudden, I was in a quicksand hole."

He added, "Man I was stuck stuck- like my left leg, I couldn't move it, it's like there was something holding it underground. It was crazy how hard it was there."

His partner called 9-1-1. Hampered by poor cell phone reception, the dispatcher hung up on her, mistaking her for a telemarketer. Finally she got through, and she said, "my boyfriend is stuck in the sand."

At that point, O'Brien, in quicksand, said it was a defining moment in their relationship. No longer were they co-workers, they were a romantic couple. Love was found, not over an expensive dinner, but as a boyfriend was sinking in quicksand. Certainly, a story for the grandkids.

A few minutes later emergency responders arrived, dug around his body a little, and freed him with a rope lasso. It didn't take long, the responders, although never having encountered this situation previously, were able to bring O'Brien to safety.

So, what were your greatest fears? And as an adult have you overcome this? Shoot me an email at wilcoxnewspapers@gmail.com. I'd love to hear from you.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

On the whole, as things go, this past week's surprise natural gas outage, wasn't really all that bad. It could have been worse; a lot worse. Fortunately, the disruption came when the weather was moderate, so we did not have frozen pipes, or worse, frozen people. Still, it was uncomfortable, and by last weekend, it was beginning to get a bit frustrating. For those who watched as other homes had their gas restored, and were waiting their turn, it was annoying.

The important thing is that for a big disruption like this, almost everyone pulled together to lend a hand. We did exactly what good people do: We take care of one another and strangers. Neighbors checked on neighbors and offered to lend an electric space heater.

This whole misadventure began, according to all I have learned, when a contractor hired by the Department of Natural Resources, ruptured the pipeline near Fennville. To prevent this sort of thing from happening, that is why Miss Dig must be called anytime anyone is going to dig anything. Creating the rupture was probably the most exciting part about all of this, and fortunately, even this chapter was not very exciting. There was no great explosion, no tower of fire and flames, no grand pillar of smoke. Above all, fortunately no one got hurt. Still, I am sure that whoever caused this caper will be called in on the carpet for their blunder.

He or she is going to have a lot of explaining to do, and I don't envy them. Imagine getting home from work that day and the Significant Other and perhaps some Tax Exemptions ask, "Well, how did work go today?" How do you answer that one? Maybe something like, "Well, it was pretty interesting. I just shut off the gas for 5,200 customers. Nobody has ever done that one before, you know."

As I just wrote, everyone pulled together. The Michigan Gas people turned off the gas to prevent an explosion or fire. The volunteer fire departments, rescue squads, and police were on the scene, and the area was secured. With their mutual aid agreement, all the fire and rescue crews were notified and ready to lend a hand if needed.

I caught onto the idea that something was amiss early on Wednesday evening when I realized the furnace fan was running, but the house was getting cold. By the time the late evening news came on the television stations, the word was out: No gas in a big part of Allegan County, and it was going to stay out for "a while." No one was defining what "a while" meant.

The next morning it was obvious that this little adventure was going to continue for "a while," and no one was taking odds on how long it would last. Periodically there were news updates on social media, but before long, they were repetitious. It was a bit like trying to make an important telephone call, only to be put on hold so we could listen to really bad cheesy music, with the interruption 'your telephone call is important to us, so please remain on the line for the next available operator.' We were starting to get eager for a news release with some forward motion.

The most notable exception to this perpetual instant replay of news came from the Fennville City Hall. I understand that they remained open around the clock to take telephone calls from customers and did a superb job of re-assuring them. That was about the best example of public service, caring, and compassion we've experienced in a long time. There is a lesson to be learned from this, and other towns and communities could be more helpful in answering questions.

Meanwhile, warming stations and even places to spend the night were quickly organized. Once again, it is yet another example of people taking care of each other.

Eventually, we all had the opportunity to learn how the rupture was going to be fixed. The gas had to be shut off, the pipes cleared of any remaining gas, and then all 5200 meters shut off. Without that, something might have gone BOOM!

Michigan Gas called in crews from as far away as Minnesota. Perhaps you saw their assembly areas in the big parking lot in Fennville, or the parking lot at Lake Vista Grocery in Saugatuck. In all, there were several hundred crews. While they were waiting for the gas to be blown out of the pipe, the repairs made, and the tests completed, they were busy getting ready to start restoring service.

Their first task was to find the meter on every customer's building and shut it off. The crews worked from a Michigan Gas list. After the shut off and before they went to the next task, they placed a little yellow flag in front, indicating which side of the building the meter was located. Because the crews were working until midnight, having that flag saved a lot of time and searching.

Beginning on Friday they settled into the task of turning on each customer's gas. With their list of customers, and if they found someone at home, they set to work. They checked to make sure the appliances were turned off, opened up the meter, and then went to ignite the appliance the farthest from meter. Once that one was working, they went to the rest of them. Suffice it to note that they were efficient. They got some of the gas turned on by Friday night, and before dawn the next morning started again.

On Saturday, the fellow who came to my house arrived about 945 PM. Christian was from the Illinois contingency, growing up on the south side of Chicago. He said I was his last call for the night because he had been working at least sixteen hours, the maximum time allowed by the company, but despite a long day, was cordial as they come. He even added that he wished the company would let him work longer so he could get more customers hooked up. Now, that's a work ethic second to none.

When he finished I asked if he'd like something to eat or drink. He looked at me and said everyone had made the same offer. "I've never seen such hospitality in my life," and wanted to know if this was just "company manners" or if we are that way all the time.

He went on to say that this was the first time he'd been to Michigan and really liked his experience here. He hopes he and his family will probably come back this year or the next. If they do come here, the reason is simple: It uis because of our welcome to them.

The restoration work continued into Sunday the 13th, and a few more crews were still circulating through the area on Monday and Tuesday. The challenge seems to be that our snowbirds are still in Florida and no one is available to unlock the house and welcome in the crews. Other places are summer cottages, and the Michigan Gas people cannot get access.

Meanwhile, we rose to the challenge and the gas crews appreciated it. That kindness made their work a lot easier.

We done did it together!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City Manager refutes headline

To the editor:

I am writing to correct the misinformation in the April 17 edition of the paper that mischaracterizes the April 14 meeting of the Allegan City Council. If you just read the headline, you'd be left with an entirely wrong idea of what happened during the meeting.

As with so many other Michigan municipalities, the City of Allegan is facing budget challenges. We are facing rising costs for everything, from paving roads and managing our water system to paying for employee benefits and maintaining our parks. We're also watching as federal grants that benefit our City continue to face the chopping block.

As a City, we have a backlog of infrastructure projects we need to tackle over the next decade. These include:

• Resurfacing or reconstructing 20% of roads and streets to maintain safe driving conditions for residents and visitors.

• Replacing 800 lead water service lines, which is being mandated by the EPA and the state.

• Investing in our water treatment facilities to ensure we can deliver safe, clean and PFAS-free drinking water to residents.

• Replacing the condemned Trestle Trail Bridge, which will cost approximately $1 million.

• Making improvements to Rossman Park, which will cost approximately $300,000.

• Managing annual maintenance programs to keep the City-owned Regent Theatre and Griswold Auditorium operating smoothly and safely.

• Handling annual maintenance and periodic upgrades for our 10 city owned parks.

As I shared with Council during Monday's meeting, the total cost for these projects for the next 10 years in our streets funds is approximately $14.2 million. This simply isn't available in our current budget.

City Council has asked us to come up with a plan to pay for these infrastructure projects, which we will need to sell bonds in order to complete. We estimate we need an average of $500,000 each year for the next 5 years to finance the initial projects. In years 6-10, it is anticipated we will need an additional $500,000 annually for a total of $1 million annually to finance all projects. This would cover the costs of paying back the bonds.

As a City, we've taken a hard look at the budget to see where we might be able to cut costs. We've considered a number of options, including:

Trimming expenses across the board: Our current budget is already bare bones, and we don't have enough to realize the cost savings needed. We are continuing to be mindful of expenses. I've told Council I won't take a pay increase for the upcoming year.

Asking residents for an additional millage: The City of Allegan is already one of the highest taxed municipalities in the county, and we don't think residents will approve adding to the current 16.368 millage rate we currently assess.

Borrowing from the water and sewer funds: While it looks like there might be a surplus in this fund, under Michigan law, we can't borrow from this fund to support police or other general government services.

Contracting with Allegan County for our police services: This approach would allow us to save money while maintaining the high level of public safety our residents have come to know and expect.

While we're continuing to look to reduce our overall expenses, City Council has already been presented with the possibility of contracting with the county for police services. We recognize the vital role of public safety in our community and would never, ever recommend eliminating police, fire or ambulance services. We do need to look at doing things differently, as we have done with our fire services. This proposal, which is currently being considered by City Council, is a different way of paying for public safety.

The City of Allegan has had preliminary discussions with Allegan County to see what an arrangement would look like and it is my intent that each officer and support staff be given the opportunity to land at the Allegan County Sheriff's Department. We recognize some people will worry about a decline in service if we make this change. Rest assured, the City will have protections in place, similar to what we do with our fire services. These will spell out our expectations of service levels in terms of response times, patrols on the road and assistance with code enforcement.

West Michigan municipalities such as Hudsonville, Spring Lake, Coopersville, Georgetown Township, Fennville and Saugatuck have begun contracting for public safety services with Ottawa and Allegan counties with success. Managers in these communities have told me residents and businesses are seeing similar road patrols and response times after the switch, which has saved each municipality hundreds of thousands of dollars.

For the City of Allegan, we anticipate it would be nearly $750,000 in savings in the first year of the switch and then an ongoing savings of $500,000 a year thereafter. We've had nearly a decade of success with our fire services being contracted to the Allegan Fire District, and we anticipate contracting with Allegan County for policing services will allow us to continue providing this vital service while saving costs.

We recognize this is not simply a math equation. It's not just what color uniform an officer will put on in the morning. We know this will have a major impact on each member of the department – and our entire community. For me personally, it's been a real struggle. Our Police Department is the most professional team I've worked with in my 25 years in local government and 8 years as the City Manager for the City of Allegan. They are all top-notch individuals and function extremely well together as a team. All are local graduates and most have decades of service with us. All are known and respected in our community.

This plan would allow them to continue to serve our community, ensuring we can maintain a high level of trust and quality service with officers safeguarding the City. It would also allow us to realize significant costs savings and reinvest those dollars in our community to tackle much-needed infrastructure projects.

We are currently in the exploratory stages of this discussion with City Council, who will make the final decision. Of course, we are open to other paths. Nothing is off the table at this point – and nothing is a done deal.

In the coming weeks, we're planning to listen to our community to hear directly from you. If the community is adamant about retaining our police department, we could look at the possibility of a voter-approved millage. The intent was to bring this conversation to the forefront once we had more information to share.

The City has established a section on our website to provide timely, accurate information to our community. We commit to being transparent during this process. We look forward to hearing the thoughts of residents and business owners and to having robust conversations about the best path forward.

Joel Dye
Allegan City Manager

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Letters to the Editor

Appointed manager shouldn't be proposing disbandment of police

To the Editor

Like many of you, I was greatly disappointed and frustrated to learn that the appointed manager of our city has proposed to the elected leaders of Allegan City that we need to abolish the Allegan City Police Department in order to fund infrastructure projects that are both necessary and questionable. I have served on various boards and commissions representing the city for 36 years. The first sixteen years I was a member of the Allegan City Council with 8 of those years having the honor to serve as your Mayor. Never did the men and women that I served with, or the leaders we appointed, decide that the many infrastructure projects that we accomplished were more important than the safety of our residents and its visitors. We can have tulips and heated sidewalks, build a multi-million dollar ice arena, a soccer stadium and an amphitheater, and a bustling entertainment district, but if people have the real or perceived belief that they are not safe there, they will not come. Many more might not stay when you combine rising assessments, increased utility costs, and 16 mils of property tax.

Our appointed manager has said that this is the only way to fund these projects and is asking the City Council to allow him to enter negotiations with the Sheriff's Department. It is my understanding that these contract talks have been ongoing for several months. Furthermore, our City Police Dept was never notified that their futures were being discussed. I have had the opportunity to understand and discuss this contract that has been proposed. Following are some facts that I believe were either intentionally omitted or are misleading.

It was stated that we presently employ nine officers and all nine officers will be employed by the County Sheriffs Department. The contract states that any Allegan City officers will have priority status for hiring as positions become available. Therefore, they have no guarantee of immediate employment. Also, they will be hired in with no seniority, may receive less wages due to the Sheriff's Department pay schedule, and will have to "bid" on the area that they would like to work in so there are no assurances that our experienced city officers that have developed relationships with the community will work in this area. To think that our current police force will just change uniforms and vehicles and everything will be the same is false.

The City currently has a budget of $1.8 million for the Allegan City Police Department. This includes wages and benefits, administrative staff, equipment, required and specialized training, and overtime that includes court time and investigative hours. The reason for this predicament that we are in is for a savings of $500,000 for an annual infrastructure bond payment. The County is proposing a contract for $1.1 million. We have been told that that the personnel and the level of service will not change but yet the County can provide a mirror image of our existing department for $1.1 million? I struggle to understand how this is possible. The proposed contract clearly states that 25% of the time there will not be an officer dedicated to the City of Allegan. The proposed contract also states the County will not be responsible for funding the two school resource officers. Clearly, that is not the same! This explains a portion of the alleged cost savings. We will lose the local control for how we would like our department to be operated and special events and festivals that require police oversight may cost additional for their assistance.

The City of Allegan currently has a fund balance in the General Fund of 26%. The City of Allegan currently has a contract with the Allegan Police Union through June of 2027. Did someone forget about this or has it been conveniently omitted from public knowledge? This will be a significant amount of money, both in contract agreed upon compensation and legal fees if the City is unwilling to negotiate in good faith.

In conclusion, I am still dumbfounded with why did anyone think this was a good idea? Is this really the best plan we can come up with or just the easiest? With a healthy fund balance it does not appear that we are in financial distress. Or are we and that has also been conveniently omitted? Can we prioritize our infrastructure needs so that we can live within our means like most Americans do? What kind of message does it send to the rest of the employees? Are they next if this does not raise enough money? Clearly that message is that our appointed manager, and our elected leaders if they support this proposal, have chosen Projects over Public Safety, Roads over Relationships, and Fiscal Incompetence over Families. Please join me on Monday, April 28 at 6:00 pm to support our dedicated public safety professionals. The young men and women have families that this affects too. They have grown up in this community. Many of you went to school with them, attended church together, you know their children, or you see them in the grocery store. They are our friends and our neighbors. The future of our community is at a crossroads. Let us respectfully demand that our elected leaders have the courage to stop this nonsense immediately and come up with a different plan to fund necessary infrastructure projects.

Jon W. Cook
City Councilmember/
Mayor 1989-2005
Allegan Fire District
Board Chairman
2005-2025

Stand up for hometown police department

Dear Editor:

One of the reasons I think we are lucky to have a "hometown newspaper" appeared the other day with the reporting of what could have been an unremarkable city council meeting except for the "not-too-well-publicized" idea that funding some "not-too-well-defined public improvements would cost us our police department.

Given the level of protection and community connectivity that we currently receive from our own police department I feel that this is a pretty big ask.

Are we so bereft of creativity that the only way our administration sees to accomplish this is by such a draconian measure? No bond issues? No getting rid of the city manager?

Of course this blew up on social media as well it should have but it is from the objective reporting of Gari Voss for the Allegan County News that we get the bare bones facts unadorned by Facebook flash and bang. That's what the "Letters to the Editor" are for.

And for that, I say: Now Is The Time! Now is the time to stand up!

When everything we hold dear in America is being torn down, shredded and eliminated, here in our town, we should stand up.

Stand up for our Allegan Police Department! Don't let this be one more thing that's taken away from us. Ask yourselves: "What good is a new sidewalk or a street if it's not safe"?

David Ohmart

Replacing city police not an option

Dear Editor:

In response to the article of April 17, 2025 proposing to eliminate the City Police Department, I am concerned for our community and the priority selected by those making the decisions. In response to the City Manager by the Budget Subcommittee, the idea that this was considered is surprising to me that the very Department whose responsibility has always been to "protect and serve" our citizens would no longer be necessary. I thought this would be a protected item in the budget. It would seem that the fact that we can't afford to support our City Police would be a definite detriment to any new needed businesses looking for a good place to thrive. Our County Officers do a great job but have such a large area of responsibility and the relationship that our City Police have with our Community cannot be replaced. I pray that this idea would not be considered.

Thank you.

Support Allegan City Police

To The Editor,

I read Gari Voss' front page article in the April 17, 2025 Allegan County News, entitled "Proposal Presented to Eliminate the City Police Department". On April 10th the Allegan City Council Budget Session discussed eliminating the Allegan City Police in order to help pay for costly (unnamed) projects around Allegan. As a lifelong citizen of the City, I do not want to sacrifice our Allegan City Policemen to these projects. The Budget Committee suggested that the Allegan County Sheriff's Department could cover the City, along with the rest of the county. Bravo to Jay Gibson, Allegan's current Police Chief for attending the meeting and explaining how this would be a losing proposition for The City Police. It would destroy their careers. C'mon, people of Allegan, stand up and support The Allegan City Police. They have always supported us.

Joanie Townsend

Obituaries

Sharon Dawn Fales, 78

Sharon Dawn Fales, 78, of Allegan, MI passed away Monday, April 14, 2025 at Resthaven Care Center in Holland, one day prior to her 79th birthday. Born April 15, 1946, in Allegan, she was the daughter of the late Larry Arthur and Wanita (Grauman) Waigand. She grew up on a farm, cultivating her love of gardening at an early age, and graduated from Allegan High School in 1964.

At Hardings Market one day, Sharon made her mom go through a specific checkout lane because she thought the carry-out guy was cute with his big smile and dimples. He joined the Army and it wasn't until years later, after she had graduated and gotten her own apartment, that she ran into him again at Hardings while trying to find a basket for her poodle, Romeo. Two weeks later, that young man, Lawrence Russell Fales, called and asked her out on a date, and their love story began. Sharon and Larry married at the Congregational Church in 1967.

A few years later, Sharon gave birth to their son, Tony, in 1968 and then their daughter, Jenny, in 1974. Their family was perfect, and Sharon and Larry spent their time supporting their children's endeavors. As their kids went through elementary school, Sharon happily offered her time as a room mother and the president of the PTO. She also helped at North Ward Elementary in the office, library, and lunchroom. She was happiest when helping others and giving to her family and friends.

Sharon worked as a secretary for Allegan Public Schools for over forty years, spending time at the middle school before taking her organizational talents and love of typing to the high school. She fondly regarded the high school staff and teachers at the high school as her own children, and they loved her in return. Sharon had a knack for knowing which interviewees would fit best with the staff and could always be counted on to do her work well and thoroughly. She left big shoes to fill when she retired in 2021. Students also recognized how kind and helpful Mrs. Fales was, awarding her the honor of Grand Marshal of the Homecoming Parade twice during her tenure at the high school.

Sharon Dawn Fales

As part of her calling to help others, Sharon loved to bake and give food to others. She combined her skills as a wonderful cook and a talented gardener to make jellies and canned items for events at the school and church. She enjoyed sending cards to friends and family to encourage them and let them know she was thinking of them. Sharon was devoted to her faith and enjoyed serving in the church by teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and filling the role of Youth Director at First Congregational Church for two years. She believed that God's Grace and prayers from people who cared about her were the best gifts she ever received.

Sharon believed family was the core and foundation of life. She loved watching her four grandchildren grow up and could quite often be found sitting in the bleachers at one of their sporting events. She was an extremely proud mother and grandma, and her family filled her heart with joy beyond words. She always put the needs of those she loved above her own, right up until the end.

In addition to Larry, her devoted husband of fifty-seven years, Sharon is survived by her children, Tony (Kelly) Fales and Jenny (Troy) Aldrich; siblings, Dennis (Deb) Waigand, Diane (Roy) Ellis, Karen (Philo) Frost, Peggy (Larry) Radke, and Wyatt Waigand; grandchildren, Tyler Aldrich, Regan Fales, Aly Aldrich, and Addy Fales; and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

The family will receive friends at First Baptist Church on Saturday April 19, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. A funeral service will begin at the church at noon and Sharon will be laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery immediately following.

Memorial donations may be made to the Youth Program at the First Baptist Church of Allegan at 1290 32nd Street (M-40 South) Allegan, MI 49010.

Leslie Harrison, 75

Leslie Harrison, 75, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2025, in Allegan, Michigan. A successful trader at the New York Stock Exchange, she cherished photography and family. She is remembered by her son James, James' two children, her Aunt Hazel, and cousin Neil. Her memory lives on.

Leslie Harrison

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Ralph Venen, 63

Ralph passed away unexpectedly April 16, 2025, in Clyde Township Michigan.

Born July 12, 1961, in Detroit Michigan to Ralph and Waldtraut Venen. Ralph was brother to 3 sisters. He enjoyed a happy childhood, living in Farmington, Cadillac and Otsego, Michigan.

Ralph graduated from Otsego High School and attended Kalamazoo College earning a bachelor's degree in economics. While at Kalamazoo College, he was a member of the swim team and earned honors as a Division 3 All American Swimmer.

He enjoyed a long career at Ford Motor Company. While at Ford he earned a Masters in Business Administration from Wayne State University. After departing Ford, he managed a customer service department for Stefanini, managing the Honda customer service department and overseeing their call center in the Philippines.

Ralph's love of teaching called to him, and he earned his Master's in Education from Wayne State. Up until his death he served as an adjunct professor at Macomb Community College, launching new students into the world of Business.

Ralph Venen

A gifted musician, Ralph enjoyed playing the piano. He had the gift of playing by ear, and it was not uncommon for him to see an empty piano, sit down and start playing. He had a great sense of humor, wide smile and infectious laugh.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He is remembered as a kind, gentle man whose undying loyalty to his family and friends will live on.

Ralph is survived by his beloved daughter Sara Venen, of Chicago Illinois, Mother -in-law Alice Bakalis of Bloomfield Hills Michigan, Sisters Linda Cole, of Rochester MI, Susan (Kent) Bock of Grosse Pointe Woods MI, Robin (Larry) Boeling of Oakland Michigan, Aunt Lenore (Richard) Holsopple of St. Marys PA, Niece and Nephews Eric (Lauren) Cole, Carter Bock, Caroline Bock, Timothy Boeling, Aaron (Katelynn) Boeling and great nephew Sutton Boeling as well as his former wife and loving friend of 40 years Renee Venen, and dear friends Patrick Duggan and Tim Ryan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Grant Cole, and his beloved partner Anne Morris.

Memorial Service: Friday, April 25, 2025

Visitation with Family: 10:00 a.m.

Memorial Service: 11:00 a.m.

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Michigan Humane Society. (michiganhumane.org)

Kalamazoo College Swimming Program. (kzoo.edu - Click Giving to K Hornet Athletic Association).

Barbara Ann Miller

Barbara Ann Miller spent her final hours surrounded by her family knowing she was back home at Dumont Lake after a brief illness. She was born in Sparta, MI to William and Bertha (Monroe) Lautenschleger and was the 10th of eleven children. Barb always joked that she was always a "10". She graduated from Allegan High School with the Class of 1953 before marrying H. James Miller in 1955 and beginning an adventurous life out at Dumont Lake. She worked at the Allegan County Courthouse until she and Jim began their family and she chose to be a homemaker. Her years proudly supporting her children at various sporting events led to her love of watching sports. Barb was an enthusiastic Michigan Wolverines football fan both from the sidelines and in her living room. For a short time after the kids were in high school, she also enjoyed working as a short order cook in Hopkins.

Barb enjoyed the lake life of friends, golf cart parades, geese-chasing, and happy hour as well as camping with their camping group. She was also a fan of harness racing. While Jim and their son, Mike, did the dirty work with the horses, Barb was known to proudly state her only job was to make sure her hair was combed for the winner circle pictures. She would also volunteer as a timekeeper during the races at the fair.

Barbara Ann Miller

Barb's dedication to her community extended to her many years as an election worker for Allegan Township where she championed inclusivity and fairness. Her deep sense of patriotism and commitment to her beliefs were cornerstones of her character.

Barb is survived by her partner in life and love of 26 years, Roy James, and his beloved family; her brother Dan (Judith) Lautenschleger; her children, Mike (Heather) Miller of Allegan, Melissa (Peter) Ginopolis; her cherished grandchildren, Nicholas, James, Alena, Hannah (Jacob), Jaclyn, and Laurel, along with her many friends in Michigan, Florida, and Camp Fukauwe.

There will be a Celebration of Life announced later when the weather is better at the lake. In lieu of flowers, she would have wanted support to be shown to Wings of Hope Hospice or Community Action of Allegan County.

Barb will be deeply missed but her love and kindness will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her.

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Otsego boys finish close second at Allegan Invitational

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Participating in the 16-team Allegan Invitational on Friday, April 18, the Otsego boys track team won five events and placed second in three others.

That helped propel the Bulldogs to a second-place finish with 112 points, four points behind Whitehall.

Hamilton was third with 98 points, while Plainwell was fourth (82.75) and Wayland was fifth (51). Saugatuck (11th with 19 points), Allegan (13th with seven points) and Fennville (15th with two points) also competed.

Otsego trailed Whitehall by a single point—109-108—entering the meet's final event. That meant the Bulldogs had to finish ahead of Whitehall in the 4x400 relay to win the meet.

And while the team of Matt Long, Zeke Andrina, Dylan Towne and Jack Cook set a new season record of 3:34.78 to finish fourth, Whitehall placed second at 3:30.91.

"I thought we had a great day and are starting to show what kind of team we can be," Otsego coach Steve Long said. "These men have been working hard and their performances are reflecting that."

The running events started on a high note for Otsego, as the 4x800 team of Holten Mulherin, Trevor Meyer, Caleb Wesseldyk and Matt Long posted a winning time of 8:28.08. That included a team-best split of 1:59 from Wesseldyk in the third leg.

Wesseldyk later won the 3,200 (9:56.65) and was runner-up in the 1,600 (4:36.06).

"Caleb did what Caleb does, scoring over 20 points for us with a huge 1:59 split in the 3,200 relay," Long said.

Other running standouts for Otsego included Cook (second in the 200 at 22.67 and the 400 at 52.42), Kenny Sheffer in the 3,200 (third at 10:01.57), Michael Spitzner in the 300 hurdles (fourth at 43.47) and Matt Long in the 800 (2:04.7).

"Jack Cook ran five fast races including the semis and PR'd in all of them, including a blistering fast 22.67 in the 200," Steve Long said. "Kenny Sheffer had a nice PR in the 3200. Matt Long also had a really solid day with two season bests in the 4x8 and open 8."

"And Michael Spitzner might have been my athlete of the meet with two huge races in the hurdles including, placing his fourth in the 300H out of the slow heat."

In the field events, Alex Robbins and Carson Brooks starred for Otsego.

Fresh off setting the school record in the discus three days earlier, Robbins one both the discus (145-4) and the shot put (50-4).

Brooks, meanwhile, won pole vault at 12-6.

"Alex Robbins did his thing, throwing things far winning both the shot and disc, while Carson Brooks had another great day in pole vault."

Michael Misner was third in shot put at 44-0.

"I'm having fun coaching this great group of guys," Steve Long said. "This is really a special team."

Hamilton dominated the relays, winning three of the four.

That included the 4x100 team of AJ Friedriechsen, Jeren Bronkhorst, Cyrus Berens and Noel Vigil (44.07); the 4x200 team of Friedriechsen, Zach Stoel, Gabe Schrotenboer and Bronkhorst (1:31.08); the 4x400 team of Friedriechsen, Schrotenboer, Bronkhorst and Abatu Dykstra (3:30.53).

Individually, Lincoln Phillips led the way for the Hawkeyes by winning the 300 hurdles (41.8) and taking second in the 110 hurdles (15.57). Logan Eding was runner-up in shot put (48-4) and third in discus (138-0).

While Plainwell didn't have any event wins, the Trojans had several top-3 showings. That included both the 4x800 relay team of Henry Cox, William Justice, Hiro Nguyen and Donovan Ryan (8:33.9) and the 4x200 relay team of Trent Hansen, Kegan Quarles, Ronald Nunez and Carter Monette (1:35.53).

Other runner-up finishes for the Trojans were from Drew Nelson in long jump (19-7.75), Sawyer Lilly in discus (140-0) and Monette in the 100 (11.28). Nunez (11.31 in the 100), Nguyen (2:04.35 in the 800) and Ryan (4:39.62 in the 1,600) all secured third-place finishes.

Caleb Wesseldyk (left) ran a 1:59 split to help Otsego win the 4x800 relay at the Allegan Invite. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Wayland, which was missing some athletes due to a conflict with the school's prom, got its best showing from Brock Wheeler, who was third in the 400 at 52.6.

Ezra Smith was fourth in pole vault for Allegan (10-6) and Cass Stanberry was fourth in long jump for Saugatuck (19-3.25).

Hoffman leads Bulldogs to runner-up finish

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Track & field fans who braved the rain and lightning delay at the Allegan Invitational on Friday, April 18, were treated to a show by Otsego junior Emma Hoffman in the 3,200.

With her winning time of 10:19.98 in the event, Hoffman not only posted the fastest time in Michigan so far this season, but also the 30th fastest time in the nation.

Runner-up Georgia Babcock of Edwardsburg was more than a minute behind Hoffman, who helped carry the Bulldogs to a runner-up showing with 66.5 points.

Middleville won the title with 135.5 points, while Plainwell was third with 59 points. Wayland (fifth at 47), Saugatuck (sixth at 45), Allegan (ninth at 33), Hamilton (10th at 30) and Fennville (15th at 12) also were part of the 16-team field.

Otsego junior Emma Hoffman ran a 10:19 in the 3,200 at the Allegan Invitational. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Hoffman also dominated in the 1,600, winning at 5:03.53, at was part of the winning 4x800 relay team (10:14.56) that also consisted of Sky Mejeur, Madeline Goodwin and Taylor Mitchell.

"Emma Hoffman is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of athlete," Otsego coach Justin Scott said. "Her 3,200 run was like nothing I have ever seen, and I think there is a lot more to come. There is both a natural skill set and an unbelievable work ethic and determination within her that has allowed her to run down her dreams.

"In addition to her running talents, Emma is an exceptional human and a great teammate. It was a very proud moment for me as a coach to see an athlete who is such a fantastic kid having such an incredible level of success. She is a shining example of how to approach the things in life you want to achieve."

Olivia Klimp provided the other event victory for Otsego, taking the long jump title at 15-4.5

"Olivia is a very talented young lady and could probably be in our lineup in 10 different events," Scott said. "Unfortunately, she can only have four on any given night.

"She has wanted to long jump for a while, and this was finally the meet where it made sense with the other variables at play to give it a try. Her first-place finish provided a great boost for our team and I think she has a lot of room for growth as we continue the season."

Other top-5 efforts for Otsego came from Taylor Klimp in the 800 (fifth at 2:36.5), Mitchell in the 3,200 (fifth at 12:46.09) and the 4x400 relay team of Mejeur, Olivia Klimp, Taylor Klimp and Goodwin (fifth at 4:32.23).

"The second-place finish here Friday is a great testament to how hard our team has worked this season, and it is one of the most enjoyable track meets I have been a part of," Scott said. "All throughout the facility, our girls were putting in great performances and battling to earn as many points as possible.

"This was a huge meet, with some really good programs in attendance. To walk out of there with a runner-up plaque is a huge accomplishment for our team. We are really starting to find our way and it's super exciting. We had some individual first place finishes, but what made our team success possible is that everybody contributed to our success."

Allegan's Jayden VandenAkker joined Hoffman with two individual-event wins, taking the 100 hurdles at 14.96 and the 300 hurdles at 46.37. Teammate Bailee Dilley was second in pole vault (9-0) and Maddie Antkoviak was fourth in shout put (33-2).

Jadyn Erdody was one of the stars for Plainwell, taking second in both shot put (35-4) and discus (112-2). Alayna Ranney was third in the 200 (27.13) and was part of the second-place 4x200 relay team (1:52.47) along with Hailey Newcomb, Delainey Poel and Nyra Cross.

Wayland's Megan Brogger was second in the 400 (1:00.99) and third in the 100 (12.85), while Gwen Howard was second in high jump (4-10).

Hamilton's Izzy Friedriechsen won pole vault at 10-0; Saugatuck's Alina Martinson won the 800 (2:28.21) and was third in the 400 (1:01.8), while teammate Mazie Robison was third in the 100 hurdles (15.37); and Fennville's Isabelle Sliter was third in the 3,200 (11:53.51) and fourth in the 1,600 (5:27.82).

Plainwell's Rayman leads local golfers at Hamilton Invitational

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HAMILTON—Plainwell junior Drew Rayman led a trio f local players in the top 10 at the Hamilton Invitational at Diamond Springs on Saturday, April 19.

Rayman shot a 1-over-par 73 to finish runner-up. He was one stroke behind medalist Seeton Hoogerhyde of Allendale.

Saugatuck freshman Grant Schrotenboer and Wayland junior Jaden Osterhout each shot a 74 to tie for the fifth-best score.

Wayland had the best showing from a team standpoint, shooting a 322 to place third. Saugatuck was close behind in fifth place at 332, while Hamilton was seventh (335) and Plainwell was 16th (368).

Senior Jackson Hansen had the best score for Hamilton, shooting an 81 to place 19th.

The previous day, Plainwell and Wayland took part in the Thornapple-Kellogg Invitational at Yankee Springs.

Rayman shot a 77 to place ninth in the 132-player field, while teammate Gibson Youngs shot a career-best 79 to place in the top 20.

Osterhout shot a 78 for Wayland, with fellow Wildcat Theo Oddy carding a 79.

Plainwell's Drew Rayman

Hamilton takes first at home invitational

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HAMILTON—The situation appeared bleak for the Hamilton baseball team in the championship game of its home invitational on Saturday, April 19.

The Hawkeyes trailed Schoolcraft—ranked 13th in Division 3—by a score of 7-3.

But as is so often the case, appearances can be deceiving.

Hamilton rallied to scored the game's final eight runs to secure the 11-7 win in comeback fashion, securing the first-place trophy as a result.

The game marked the second time this season that Hamilton has rallied from a big deficit to collect the victory against a state-ranked opponent. The first time was a 10-9 win against Spring Lake—No. 9 in Division 2—on March 28 after trailing 7-0 through two innings.

"We were down, but our kids fought back," Hamilton coach Brian Grabinski said. "This team has a bunch of fighters on it who refuse to give up. They're a fun group to be around."

Marc Brower earned the win in the game, throwing six innings of two-hit relief. He didn't allow an earned run.

Offensively, James Hoffman was 3-for-4 with a run and an RBI to pace Hamilton. Brower was 2-for-4 with 2 RBI and one run, while Clay Blauwkamp had two runs and two RBI.

The Hawkeyes advanced to the title game thanks to a 3-2 walk-off win against previously unbeaten South Haven in the first game.

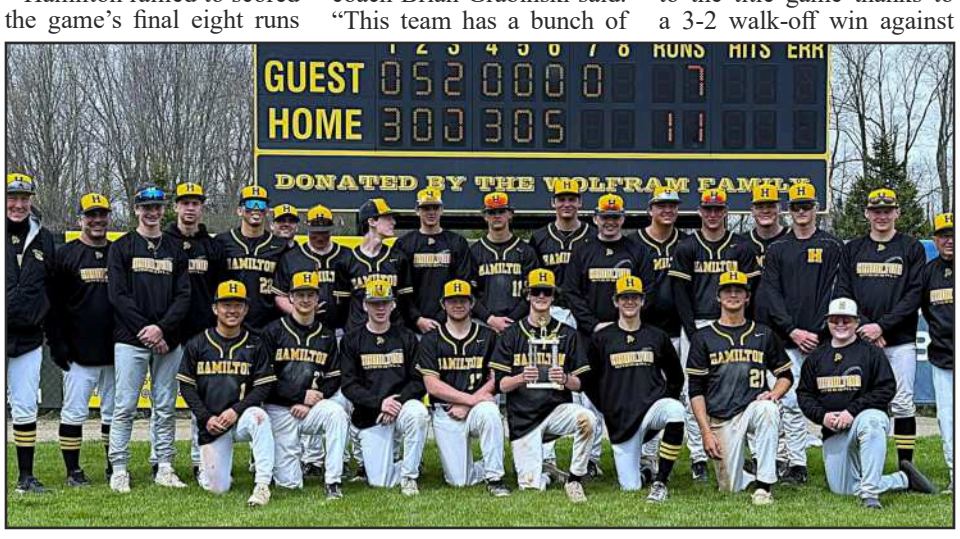
With the game tied at 2-2 in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Hawkeyes got a double from Brett VanderKooi, who was lifted for a pinch runner. That runner moved to third base on a "perfect" sacrifice bunt and eventually scored on a wild pitch to end the game.

"We got good pitching and clutch hitting," Grabinski said. "We've spent a lot of time working on bunting this spring, so it was especially fun to see Jakin Cozzello put down a perfect sacrifice bunt."

Caleb Oosterink pitched a complete game for Hamilton, allowing three hits and one earned run. He walked one and struck out six.

Offensively Landon VanderZwaag led the offense, going 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run.

"It was a good day of baseball for us," Grabinski said. "South Haven came in undefeated and Schoolcraft is ranked in Division 3, so they were two quality wins. We had one rough inning in the schoolcraft game, but other than that we played very solid baseball."



Hamilton players and coaches were all smiles after winning their home tournament on Saturday, April 19. (Photo provided)

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Alex Robbins
Otsego
Track & Field

It was quite a week for Otsego junior thrower Alex Robbins.

During a dual week with Three Rivers on Tuesday, April 15, Robbins set a school record in discus at 156-10. Three days later, he won both discus and shot put at the 15-team Allegan Invitational, helping the Bulldogs to a runner-up finish.

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Martin baseball places second at home tournament

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—A strong pitching performance by Anderson Keeler helped propel the host Martin baseball team into the championship game of the Clipper Classic on Saturday, April 18.

Keeler limited Fennville to one run on three hits with three walks and 11 strikeouts in five innings as Martin won 4-1.

The Clippers took a 1-0 lead against Allegan in the title game, but the rest of the game belonged to the Tigers, who scored the final 16 runs to upend Martin 16-1.

Against Fennville, the Clippers got on the board first when Chase DeGlopper singled and later scored. The lead doubled to 2-0 in the bottom of the second inning when Issac Suk singled and scored.

DeGlopper finished with two RBI, while Caleb Hopkins and Jackson Kennedy each had hits for Martin.

The Clippers also showed patience at the plate, drawing eight walks. Bryer Watson, Keeler and Kennedy led the team with two walks each.

Keeler, Haylen Buell, and Kennedy each stole multiple bases.

In the Allegan game, Hopkins drove in Martin's run with a second-inning single. Buell, DeGlopper and Caden Courtney each added one hit.

Watson started on the mound for the Clippers (3-4), striking out a pair in two innings.

On Thursday, April 17, Martin rebounded from an 8-3 loss to Delton in the first game of a twin bill to claim the second game 1-0 in walk-off fashion behind the dominant pitching of Haylen Buell.

In his five innings of work, Buell didn't allow a base runner to collect the perfect game in the darkness-shortened contest. He struck out 10 and needed just 50 pitches to get through the game.

"When Haylen is on the mound, we can compete with anyone," Martin coach Brad Blauvelt said. "He has shown great control early on in the season."

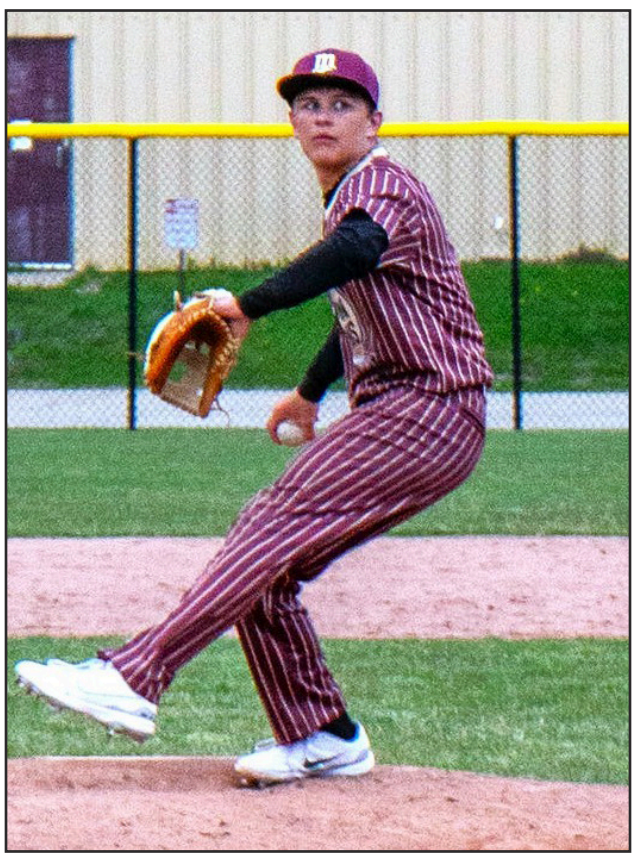
In 10 innings pitched this season, Buell now has walked just one batter with 24 strikeouts.

DeGlopper produced the game's lone run when he was hit by a pitch with bases loaded in the bottom of the fifth inning, bringing the game to an end.

Watson led the Clippers with two hits.

The first game saw Buell, Hopkins, Suk and Blake Sweeting each collect a hit. Kennedy started on the mound and allowed four earned runs with seven strikeouts.

"We made more mistakes than (Delton) did and that was the difference in the game," Blauvelt said.



Martin's Haylen Buell threw a five-inning perfect game against Delton. (Photo provided)

Wayland softball splits with ranked Jenison

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

JENISON—The Wayland softball team faced a formidable early season test on Thursday, April 16, when the Wildcats traveled to Jenison to face the fifth-ranked team in Division 1.

Wayland proved it was up to the challenge.

Behind the hitting and pitching of Madi Ludema, the Wildcats bested Jenison 8-6 in game one before dropping an 8-2 decision in the nightcap.

At the plate, Ludema went 4-for-4 in game one with two doubles. In the pitcher's circle, she scattered 12 hits and allowed six runs—only one earned—in seven innings with no walks and nine strikeouts.

Mackenzie Kositzky went 3-for-4 with three RBI in the win for Wayland, while Harmony Laker was 2-for-4.

In game two, Rae Stallard and Clara Dutkiewicz each went 2-for-3, including a double for Dutkiewicz. Ludema also doubled, while Laker and Izzy Johnson each singled.

Otsego baseball falls to K-Central

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

KALAMAZOO—The Otsego baseball team squared off with Kalamazoo Central in a non-conference twin bill on Monday, April 21, and came up short in both contests.

The Bulldogs dropped the opener 11-1 before suffering the 13-2 defeat in the nightcap.

In game one, Jaydon Watson had an RBI double to account for Otsego's lone run. Landon Wrobleski also doubled.

Watson also had an RBI in the second game, as did Kyle Holladay, who doubled.

The Bulldogs hosted Marshall for a non-league doubleheader on Thursday, April 17, and earned the split.

Otsego dropped the opener 13-3 before bouncing back to take the second game 6-5.

In the nightcap, the Bulldogs fell behind 5-0 in the top of the first inning. But Otsego plated two runs in the first inning on a double by Ryan Cockerel and added three runs in the second—including a two-run double by Scotty Durr—to knot the score at 5-5.

An RBI single by Matthew Jackson in the bottom of the fifth inning provided the winning run.

Cockerel was credited with the win thanks to two innings of scoreless relief work.

Durr had two singles in the opener, while Cockerel had a triple.

On Tuesday, April 15, Otsego traveled to Edwardsburg for a Wolverine Conference twin bill and came up one run short in each game, falling 4-3 in game one and 6-5 in game two.

Cockerel collected three hits in the second game and drove in three runs.

Soccer results

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Otsego 8 Niles 0

Two goals each from Peyton Dennany and Lexi Gross highlighted Otsego's 8-0 win over Niles on Monday, April 21.

Gross also had an assist.

"This was a good opportunity for some of our role players to play a ton of minutes and for players to move around within our formation," Otsego coach Levi Butcher said. "It wasn't highly competitive from the opening whistle, but I was happy our girls showed patience and poise."

Constantine Taylor, Sydney Timmons, Reagen Engbers and Alivia Kuiper each scored one goal, while Haylee Dennany had two assists.

Zoe Alkire played the majority of the game in goal, with Maddie Ragan taking over for the final four minutes. Neither had to make a save in the shutout.

"Our back line has been playing outstanding soccer so far this year," Butcher said. "Through six matches, we've allowed only six shots on goal, two goals and we are currently on a streak of four clean sheets."

Plainwell 8 Sturgis 0

Plainwell improved to 2-0 in Wolverine Conference action (4-2 overall) with its 8-0 win over visiting Sturgis on Monday, April 21.

Alayna Eldred led the offensive charge for the Trojans, scoring three times.

Ava Meyers and Lucy Benson added two goals each. Meyers also had two assists.

Caitlyn Ridgeway scored one goal and assisted on two others.

Olivia Ranger and Harper Johnson shared the shutout in goal.

Plainwell 5 Kal. Central 2

The offensive prowess of Ava Meyers and Caitlyn Ridgeway helped lead Plainwell past Kalamazoo Central in a non-conference match on Friday, April 18.

Meyers and Ridgeway each scored twice as the Trojans secured the 5-2 victory.

Alayna Eldred accounted for the other Plainwell goal.

Fennville 3 Hartford 0

Fennville used a balanced scoring attack to prevail in its non-conference contest with Hartford on Thursday, April 17.

Christina Mendoza, Nadia Perez and Andy Balke each scored a goal as the Blackhawks claimed the 3-0 victory.

Fennville coach Mark Gray also praised the play of Mayling Mendoza, who chipped in with an assist.

Abby Gonzalez was in goal for Fennville and turned away all five shots she faced for the shutout.

Otsego 2 Vicksburg 0

The start of the Wolverine Conference portion of the schedule couldn't have gone much better for Otsego.

Facing Vicksburg, Otsego used goals from Alivia Kuiper and Olivia Witteveen to earn the 2-0 victory.

"Tonight was a big one for us in terms of getting the Wolverine Conference season going in the right direction," Otsego coach Levi Butcher said. "We'd stumbled out the gate the last few years against Vicksburg, and it set us up for a tough road toward potentially winning a conference championship.

"With only seven games, you really need to shoot for maximum points in each one. This sets us up to move forward with confidence, and I'm proud of the effort our girls gave on the night."

Maddie Ragan assisted on Kuiper's goal, while Peyton Dennany assisted on Witteveen's goal.

Zoe Alkire played all 80 minutes in goal in didn't face a shot thanks to the solid play of the Otsego backline.

"Vicksburg should be one of the top teams in the Wolverine this spring, and getting a shutout win against them is big," Butcher said. "We were able to control possession and create chances for the majority of the match, and that kept a lot of pressure on Vicksburg.

"Our backline did an excellent job in limiting Vicksburg, and the fact that Zoe didn't have much to do speaks to that."

Plainwell 5 Edwardsburg 0

Ava Meyers played a leading role in Plainwell's Wolverine Conference opener against Edwardsburg on Wednesday, April 16.

Meyers scored twice to help lead the Trojans to the 5-0 win.

Lucy Benson, Sarah Launt and Alayna Eldred each added one goal.

Olivia Ranger and Harper Johnson shared the shutout for Plainwell.

Saugatuck 7 Constantine 0

It was quite a day for Saugatuck senior Kennedy Gustafson when the Trailblazers hosted SAC rival Constantine on Wednesday, April 16.

Not only did Gustafson play half the game in goal and stop two shots, but she also played in the field and scored a pair of goals.

That effort helped lift Saugatuck to the 7-0 victory.

Julia Lowry also made two saves in goal for Saugatuck to go with one goal scored.

Mariela Garcia joined Gustafson in scoring two goals. Neave Rewa and Jordan Sanders accounted for the remaining Saugatuck goals.

Mallory Hass and Ava Tringali each contributed a pair of assists in the win.

On Monday, April 21, the Trailblazers traveled to South Haven and suffered the 1-0 loss.

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Stanberry leads Saugatuck boys past Allegan, Fennville

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Cass Stanberry was a one-man wrecking crew for the Saugatuck boys track & field team in its double dual with host Allegan and Fennville on Wednesday, April 16.

Stanberry won three individual events and was part of a winning relay to lead the Trailblazers to victories over the Tigers (66-45) and the Blackhawks (113-14).

Allegan posted the 97-27 victory over Fennville.

In addition to winning the long jump at 19-3, Stanberry took top honors in both the 110 hurdles (16.97) and the 300 hurdles (44.83). He was also part of the winning 4x100 team (47.27) alongside Max Page, Chris Foley and Jaxon Green.

Carter Miller was a double winner for Saugatuck, posting winning throws of 39-10 in shot put and 135-4 in discus.

The Trailblazers' other first-place performances included: Green in the 100 (11.76); Sammy Gamboa in the 3,200 (11:09.24); Mason Sisson in high jump (5-2); and the 4x800 relay team of Jackson Bowman, Gamboa, Marcus Silva and Sawyer Monroe (9:03.88).

For Allegan, Kellen Chalupa led the way by taking victories in the 800 (2:12.53) and the 1,600 (5:07.33).

Also winning events for the Tigers were Brody McDade in the 200 (24.28), Jacob Cranmer in the 400 (56.21), Ezra Smith in pole vault (10-6), the 4x200 relay team of Cranmer, McDade, Tyevon Green and Terrance Vance (1:39.07) and the 4x400 relay team of Vance, Chalupa, Loghan Murphy and Hunter McKee (3:54.79).

Fennville's best showing came from Quinn Rosema, who placed second in long jump at 18-3. Rosema was also third in the 100 at 12.12 and fourth in the 200 at 25.16.

Saugatuck senior Cass Stanberry clears a hurdle as coaches Angelina and Rick Bauer look on. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Saugatuck girls take double dual from Tigers, Blackhawks

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Saugatuck girls track team traveled to Allegan for a SAC double dual on Wednesday, April 16, and came away with a pair of wins.

The Trailblazers bested the host Tigers 81-52 and upended Fennville 87-48.

Allegan beat Fennville 64-29.

Saugatuck had a particularly strong showing in the relays, taking top honors in three of the four.

The 4x800 team of Savannah VanDenBerg, Lyvia Curtis, Alina Martinson and Kamryn Sixberry won at 15:25.88; the 4x400 team of Sixberry, Leora Buss, Martinson and Mazie Robison won at 4:38.43; and the 4x100 team of Kari Chelesvig, Niki McNeil, Stella Blubaugh and Chloe Collins won at 1:25.65.

Saugatuck's other event wins came from Martinson in the 400 (1:02.9), VanDenBerg in the 3,200 (13:34.82) and McNeil in discus (123-0).

Robison was second in the 100 (13.49), the 100 hurdles (15.82) and the 300 hurdles (55.98). Buss (6-0 in pole vault), Sixberry (2:40.03 in the 800 and 6:00.0 in the 1,600) also placed second for Saugatuck, as did the 4x200 relay team of Penny Grob, Buss, Laine Borst and Kinsley Gries (2:08.7).

Jayden VandenAkker starred for Allegan, collecting four first-place finishes: 13.47 in the 100, 28.05 in the 200, 15.37 in the 100 hurdles and 48.47 in the 300 hurdles.

Bailey Dilley gave the Tigers wins in pole vault (10-0) and long jump (12-9), with Maddie Antkoviak taking the top spot in shot put (33-10) to go with a second-place finish in high jump (4-8).

Isabelle Sliter collected two wins for Fennville, as she finished first in both the 800 (2:32.94) and the 1,600 (5:34.86).

Lila Rosema claimed the top spot in the high jump at 4-10 and was part of the winning 4x200 relay team (2:07.02) along with Sanija Ballman, Ava Ellis and Adriana Hicks. Rosema was also second in the 400 (1:11.41).

Allegan's Jayden VandenAkker (left) won the 100 hurdles against Saugatuck and Fennville, with Saugatuck's Mazie Robison (right) placing second. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Hopkins baseball sweeps Kelloggsville

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

KELLOGGSVILLE—The Hopkins baseball team bested Kelloggsville 15-0 on Thursday, April 17, to complete a three-game series sweep of the Rockets.

The Vikings bested Kelloggsville 19-0 and 23-1 in a doubleheader at Hopkins the previous day.

The in final game of the series, the Vikings got two hits each from Kellen Ford and Cody Benting, who also drove in three runs.

Trent Smith pitched the first two innings of the three-inning, mercy-rule shortened affair, allowing two hits and strikeout out two. Cruz Hitzler worked a scoreless third inning with one walk and one strikeout.

In the first game of the doubleheader, Hopkins set the tone by scoring 15 runs in the bottom of the first inning. The Vikings scored 18 runs in the first inning of game two.

Ford pitched all three innings of the opener, recording seven strikeouts without allowing a hit. He issued one walk, which was all the separated him from a perfect game.

Ford and Landen Dandrow each had a hit, a run and two RBI.

Ford stayed hot at the plate in game two, going 3-for-3 with a double, a triple and a home run. He drove in six and scored twice.

Christian Smigiel and Michael Woollam each had two hits, including a double for Smiegiel.

Smigiel also pitched all three innings, allowing one run on one hit with two walks and eight strikeouts.

Otsego softball plays nine games in seven days

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—It was a busy week for the Otsego softball team, with the Bulldogs playing nine games in a seven-day span beginning Tuesday, April 15.

Otsego went 3-6 during that span, including dropping both ends of a Wolverine Conference doubleheader with Vicksburg on Monday, April 21.

Otsego kept the first game against Vicksburg close, falling 5-2 after Vicksburg scored three runs in the top of the fifth inning to increase what had been a 2-1 lead.

Game two saw Otsego down 3-2 after one inning, but Vicksburg erupted for 11 runs in the second inning to pull away.

Alyvia Farrell had two hits in game one for Otsego, with Madi Dendel and Cassie Holland each collecting a hit in the second game.

In the Otsego Invitational on Saturday, April 19, Otsego beat Northview 6-3 but lost to Coopersville 4-2 and South Haven 12-8.

Top offensive performance for Otsego included a 3-for-4 effort from Audrey Lingbeek against Northview that included a double, a triple and two runs and a 2-for-3 showing with a run from Holland against Coopersville.

In the South Haven game, Holland (3-for-4 with a double and three runs), Lingbeek (2-for-3 with a home run and RBI) and Farrell (2-for-3 with a home run, four runs and two RBI) each had multiple hits.

Otsego split with Marshall on Friday, April 17, bouncing back from a 12-0 loss in game one to win game two 15-12.

Lingbeek went 3-for-4 with a double, three runs and an RBI in the victory. Addy Lucas, Sydneigh Mosher, Mikayla Bateman, Mariah Weaver and Sophia Pierce each had two hits, including doubles for Bateman, Mosher and Pierce.

A doubleheader against Edwardsburg on Tuesday, April 15, also resulted in a split. Otsego lost the opener 4-1 and took the nightcap 9-3.

In the second game, Lucas went 3-for-4 with two runs and three RBI and Farrell went 3-for-4 with a triple and four RBI. Holland and Dendel each went 2-for-4 with two runs.

Allegan tennis beats Schoolcraft

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SCHOOLCRAFT—After hosting the Tiger Invitational on Saturday, April 19, the Allegan girls tennis team returned to SAC/Lakeland action on Monday, April 21, with a road match in Schoolcraft.

And the Tigers came away with the 7-1 win, including a sweep of the doubles flights.

Allegan's No. 1 doubles team of Taylor Fuller/Hanna Kievit won via forfeit. Other doubles wins came from No. 2 Madison Cook/Ireland Dewey (6-0, 6-1), No. 3 Sophia Augustine/Emma Scheffler (5-1, 6-3) and No. 4 Lilli Kelley/Shy Thompson (6-2, 6-3).

At singles, Allegan got wins from No. 1 Addy Fales (6-1, 6-1), No. 3 Kendall Halstead (6-0, 6-2) and No. 4 Serenity Puente (default).

At the Tiger Invitational, Allegan tied for fourth in the six-team field with eight points. Greenhills, ranked first in Division 4, won with 24 points, followed by Grand Rapids Christian (No. 6 in D3) with 16 points and Hudsonville with 14 points.

Allegan was playing without No. 1 singles Fales.

"We were short-handed, but we didn't shy away from the competition," Allegan coach Damien Arthur said.

No. 2 singles Judith Decurau and No. 1 doubles Fuller/Kievit had the best showings for Allegan, finishing second in their respective flights.

Two days earlier, Allegan hosted Jackson Lumen Christi and Hackett for the Allegan Tri and came away with a pair of wins.

The Tigers beat Lumen Christi 7-1 and best Hackett 6-2.

"This is some good D4 competition," Arthur said. "Both Lumen Christi and Hackett qualified for the State Finals last year, and it was a blood bath of competition."

Fales won both of her matches without dropping a set.

Also going 2-0 for the day for Allegan were: No. 3 singles Halstead; No. 1 doubles Fuller/Kievit; No. 2 doubles Dewey/Cook; No. 3 doubles Augustine/Sheffler and No. 4 doubles Kelley/Thompson.

Fales also had Allegan's only singles win against Buchanan on Wednesday, April 16, also by a score of 6-0, 6-0.

The Tigers did take three of the four doubles flights to earn the 4-4 tie in this SAC/Lakeland matchup.

No. 1 doubles Fuller/Kievit (6-2, 6-2), No. 2 doubles Cook/Dewey (6-3, 2-6, 7-5) and No. 4 doubles Kelley/Thompson (6-3, 6-1) collected victories for Allegan.

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Otsego District Library to hold Local Authors Fair

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be an author? Or have you ever wanted to meet an author to discuss his or her work and perhaps chat about the writing process?

If so, then the Otsego District Public Library is the place for you on Thursday, May 1.

That's when ODPL will host is inaugural Local Authors Fair. The event starts at 3:30 p.m. and concludes at 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

According to ODPL assistant director Diane DeVries, more than 20 authors plan to attend and she can't wait for the public to meet them.

"The library has received a spectacular response from authors wanting to participate." DeVries said. "The community can drop in to meet the authors, purchase signed copies of books, find out what it's like to be an author and have some delicious snacks."

The level of response from local authors was exciting for DeVries, who was pleasantly surprised to find out the area was home to so many authors of various genres. A handful of those authors are even employees of ODPL.

"The library is thrilled to discover how many local authors live in and nearby our local community," she said. "And did you know that Otsego District Library has four authors on staff?"

The list of authors who plan to attend include Kyle Baker, Abby Sisson, Rachel Krizan, Angela Bacon Grimm, David Kranz, Dana Kenneth Johnson, Sarah Steele, Lisa Koster, Anne Stone, Janelle Arens, Rachel Scroggins, Dianna Stampfler, Lucy Kubash, Anneliese Abbott, Traci Rhoades, Mark Love, John Stempian, Caroline Abbott and Anna Moore Bradfield.

"Plus, The Well Publishers will attend with multiple authors," DeVries said.

The Well Publishers is a publishing company founded by Kathy Bruins, also the founder of The Well Ministries for Creatives, with a mission to "assist creatives in getting their work published with excellence."

According to DeVries, the authors cover a wide range of genres, including mystery, romance, young adult, fantasy, non-fiction, poetry and children's books.

Each other will have a table and space to promote his or her work, sell books and discuss writing with event attendees.

"The library is so excited about this event and hope that our community comes out to support their local authors," DeVries said.

Author Abby Sisson is seen in a promotional photo for a past event at Otsego Library.

OHS hosts Honors Night

On Thursday, April 17, Otsego High School hosted its annual Honors Night to recognize the academic achievements of its students.

A total of 331 students were honored for having a 3.5 GPA or higher during the first two trimesters. (Photos provided)

Otsego Township approves appropriations act

By John Raffel
Correspondent

OTSEGO — A public hearing for the budgets was opened at a recent special meeting of the Otsego Township Board.

Budgets were discussed and then the public hearing was closed at 11:11 a.m. The budget for the General Fund was presented and approved.

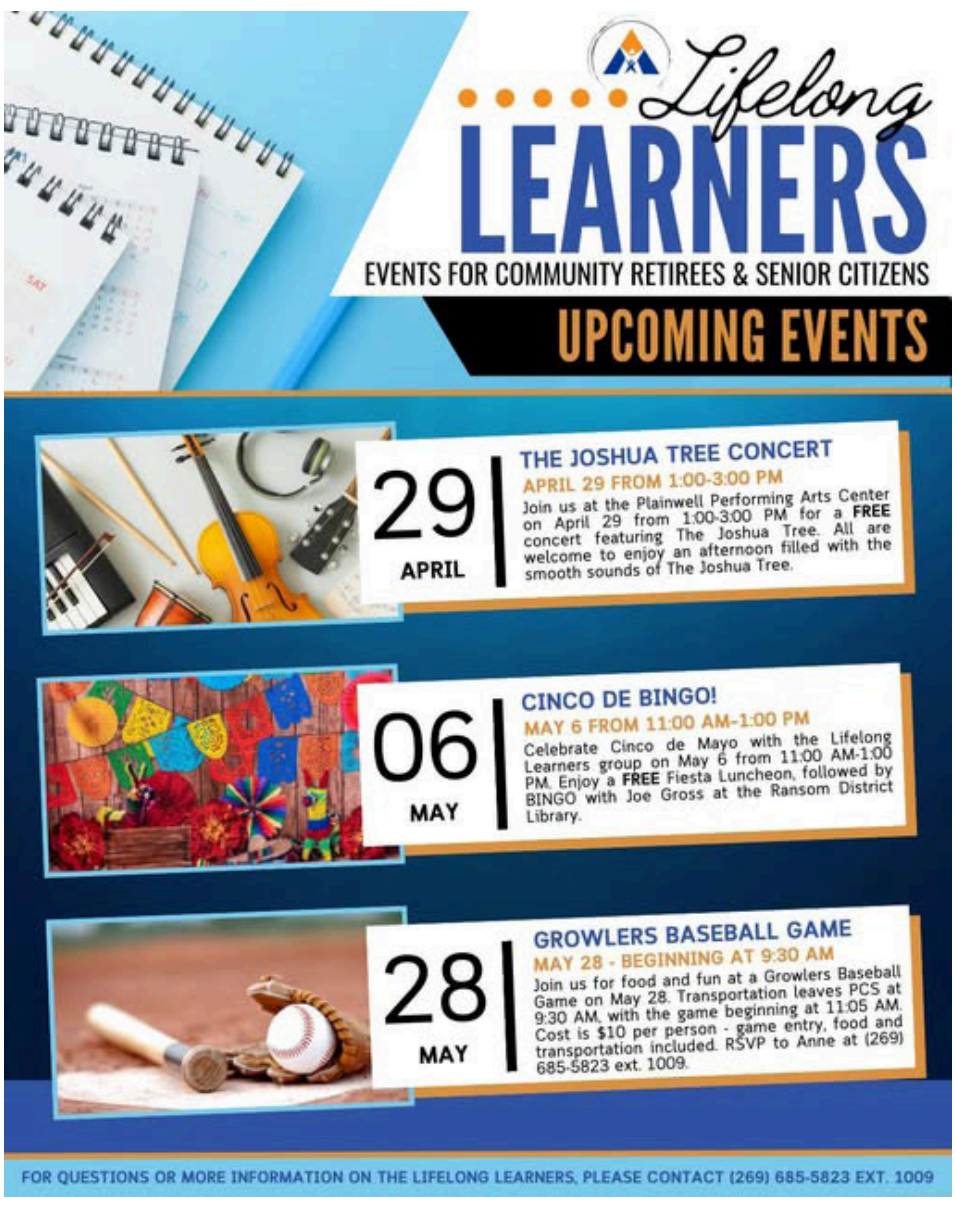
The budget for the Cemetery Fund was presented and approved.

The budget for the Sewer Fund was presented and approved.

The Water Fund Budget was presented and approved.

At a special meeting the board approved the Appropriations Act.

Fire Director Brad Misner gave a recent presentation at a board meeting on the trucks and vehicles that the Otsego Fire Department currently has and their status.



Lifelong Learners plans three events in next month

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

It's shaping up to be a busy spring for members of the Lifelong Learners Group.

The group has three activities scheduled in the span of a month, beginning with The Joshua Tree concert on Friday, April 29.

Lifelong Learners, which is run by the Plainwell Community Education Department, is open to senior citizens in the Plainwell and Otsego area who are "looking to get involved and active in the community."

Following The Joshua Tree Concert, the group will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Cinco de Bingo at Ransom District Library on Tuesday, May 6, before attending a Kalamazoo Growlers baseball game on Wednesday, May 28.

Here is more information about each of those events from Plainwell Community Education director Andrea Murphy:

* The Joshua Tree Concert (open to the public): Join us at the Plainwell Performing Arts Center on April 29 from 1 to 3 for a free concert featuring The Joshua Tree. All are welcome to enjoy an afternoon filled with the smooth sounds of The Joshua Tree.

* Cinco de Bingo: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Lifelong Learners group on May 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy a free fiesta luncheon, followed by bingo with Ransom Library director serving as master of ceremonies.

* Kalamazoo Growlers baseball game: Join us for food and fun at a Growlers baseball game on May 28. Transportation leaves Plainwell Community Schools at 9:30 a.m., with the game beginning at 11:05 a.m.

Cost for to attend the game is $10 per person, which includes game entry, food and transportation. RSVP to Anne at (269) 685-5823 ext. 1009.

SUMMARY

Otsego Township
April 14, 2025

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at the Otsego Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Winn.

Members Present: Gudith, Moll, Burns, Colin, Lunarde-Alexander, Winn.

Members Absent: Bumgart.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approved minutes from the March 10th meeting and the March 29th special meeting.

Approved bills in the amount of $249,620.61.

Approved early termination agreement with Invoice Cloud.

Approved updated resident and nonresident rates for cremains in a columbarium, including engraving.

Reappointed Harold Immekus, Gary Rogers and Curt Visser to the construction board of appeals for 2 years.

Reappointed Mike Bosch and Scott Reising to the planning commission for 3 years.

Adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by: Jen Colin, Otsego Township Clerk

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How to establish a peaceful backyard retreat

Backyards have undergone quite a transformation over the last decade-plus. The days when patios and decks were all a backyard living space had to offer are largely a thing of the past, as homeowners have realized just how valuable it can be to commit to a stunning backyard.

The real estate experts at Zillow estimate that homes with backyard features such as outdoor televisions, outdoor showers and outdoor kitchens command 3.1 percent more than expected upon reaching the market. If 3.1 percent doesn't sound like a lot, it actually equates to nearly $11,000 on a typical home. But there's more to gain than money when converting a backyard space into a relaxing respite. Such spaces can provide a welcoming escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life, all the while giving homeowners and residents a comfortable space to soak in the great outdoors. With that in mind, homeowners can take the following steps to establish a peaceful backyard retreat.

- Refresh the landscape. Even if your vision is centered on outdoor furniture and a space that accommodates movie nights under the stars, it's still best to refresh the existing landscape if it needs a little upkeep. Overgrown trees, hedges and bushes can create the same cluttered vibe that dominates interior spaces overrun with items. If necessary, work with a local tree service or landscape architect to trim, or even remove, trees and hedges that are crowding the backyard and making it feel claustrophobic or giving it an unkempt look. Aim for a landscape that affords a balance of sun and shade so the space is as comfortable as possible throughout the day.

- Set up multiple gathering spaces, if possible. Once a backyard retreat is established, everyone who calls the property home might find the space hard to resist. Keep this in mind when planning the space and aim to set up multiple gathering spaces. An outdoor kitchen with a nearby dinner table can be a great space to enjoy al fresco dining, but a separate area to read a book or watch a movie or ballgame can make the space more versatile. Some may want to relax away from the noise of the grill area, and multiple gathering spaces ensures there's always a peaceful spot to unwind out back.

- Add a water feature. Running water has a way of calming the nerves, and that's good to keep in mind when planning a backyard retreat. Water features run the gamut from garden ponds to koi ponds to fountains to hot tubs. Homeowners can identify which feature best aligns with their idea of relaxation and then work with a landscape architect to ensure it's installed in their backyard oasis.

- Don't forget shade. Temperatures are rising in many areas of the globe, and that's worth noting when planning a backyard retreat. Even the most ardent sun worshippers likely won't want to be exposed to the sun at all times when relaxing in their backyards. Strategically chosen means of providing shade can make spaces enjoyable all day long. Consider umbrellas, gazebos, pergolas, and even retractable awnings to cover patios and decks when the sun is at its highest each afternoon. If you plan to spend ample time in the grass, make that more enjoyable by planting shade trees, which also can protect the grass from drought and make it more comfortable underfoot.

A relaxing backyard retreat can make for an ideal space to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life.

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Common car noises and what they might be indicating

Although there are many drivers who understand what goes on under the hood of a vehicle and the inner workings of car mechanics, there are plenty of others who might not know a spark plug from a dipstick. For the latter group, random noises when driving can be a cause for immediate alarm.

Certain noises can be innocuous and easily fixed, while others may be indicative of something more complex. Pinpointing where a noise is coming from can help vehicle owners identify the problem. Here's a list of some common sounds and what the causes might be, courtesy of Firestone, Geico and Nationwide.

High-pitched squealing

Screeching or squealing coming from the tires when stepping on the brakes likely means that brake pads are wearing down and the indicator is rubbing against the rotor. Although this is not an emergency situation, it does mean that brakes will need to be replaced sooner than later.

Rattling in the wheel

If you hear rattling inside of a wheel at low speeds which stops as you drive faster, it could mean there is a loose lug nut inside of the hub cap. That wheel wasn't tightened properly the last time it was removed and replaced. Bring the car to a mechanic as soon as possible.

Clicking

If you try to start the car and only hear a clicking sound instead of the car turning over, a dead battery is likely the cause. Such a noise also may indicate corroded battery terminals that are preventing the current from flowing. Terminals need to be cleaned. The battery should be checked and jumped, if necessary. If a battery is not holding a charge, a new one is needed.

Squeaky or scraping windshield wipers

Squeaking and scraping means the windshield wipers are wearing down or the windshield is dirty. Clean the windshield and inspect the wiper blades to make sure they are in working order. A bad wiper and dirty windshield can reduce visibility and make driving dangerous.

Clunking sounds

Clunking sounds may indicate a few different issues. A clunking sound might indicate worn out shock absorbers, which absorb vibrations from the wheels. Damaged struts also can cause clunking. Worn out leaf spring shackles that help in off-roading conditions also can cause clunking when they bend or break.

Humming, whining or whirring

These strange noises might have different origins. Check if the differential needs to be lubricated. A wheel bearing also could be worn out and produce a noise. In more severe cases, the transmission could be failing. The best course of action is to get a professional opinion from a mechanic.

Flapping noise

A broken belt typically is the culprit when a vehicle makes a flapping or slapping noise. Something also may be interfering with the fan. Driving with a broken belt may cause severe engine damage, so it's important to address the issue.

Squealing under the hood

Squealing can indicate worn or loose accessory belts. In newer cars it might be the serpentine belt. Belts are relatively inexpensive and easy fixes.

These are some of the sounds that vehicles can make when something is awry. Figuring out the issue can prevent further damage.

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The benefits of lighting up your landscape

Homeowners know there's no shortage of ways to tweak a property. Some homeowners may lament that the work associated with home ownership is never done, but owning a house also provide endless opportunities to upgrade the spaces people call home.

Landscape lighting has become increasingly popular in recent years. That popularity is undoubtedly due to a number of variables, and each highlights a benefit of installing landscape lighting around a property.

• Affordability: Some may think of big budget projects like kitchen remodels or room additions when pondering home renovations. Such projects can have a dramatic impact on the look and feel of a home, but landscape lighting can be equally transformative at a fraction of the cost of larger undertakings. The home renovation experts at Angi.com estimate the average landscape lighting project costs around $4,000, making affordability a notable benefit of the project.

• Appearance: There's no denying the aesthetic appeal of a well-lit landscape at night. Landscape lighting can be utilized to draw attention to awe-inspiring components of a landscape, whether it's natural features like gardens and foliage or man-made components like architectural features. Improved appearance can increase curb appeal, which is often associated with how a home looks during daylight hours. But photographs of a well-lit nighttime landscape can impress buyers as well.

• Cost savings: Landscape lighting might help homeowners reduce the cost of their homeowners insurance. Researchers at PolicyGenius.com found that insurance companies typically offer a discount of 2 to 5 percent to homeowners who install a home security system. Insurance providers may offer additional savings to homeowners who pair such systems with landscape lighting, which can be a deterrent to burglars who prefer to operate under a cloak of darkness.

• Safety: Insurance firms may discount premiums because of landscape lighting because they view it as a deterrent to potential criminals. But landscape lighting also makes moving around a property at night safer for residents and guests. Lighting can be used to illuminate walkways, outdoor living rooms, patios around pools, and other areas where residents and guests will be walking at night, which can reduce the risk of falls and injuries that may result from such spills.

• ROI: Savvy homeowners consider a renovation's return on investment before deciding to go forward with a project. Studies vary, but the National Association of Realtors indicates landscape lighting can recoup as much as 70 percent of homeowners' investment in the project at resale. When viewed through the lens of ROI, the cost of installing landscape lighting is even less.

Landscape lighting adds notable aesthetic appeal to a home at a fraction of the cost of other renovation projects. The benefits such lighting provides make the project one every homeowner can consider.

What to know about reseeding or replanting your lawn

Spring marks the return of flowering plants and warm weather. And homeowners know that spring also ushers in the return of home renovation season.

Homeowners undoubtedly have an extensive list of projects on their to-do list this spring, and that may include helping their lawns and gardens recover after a long winter. Unpredictable weather, which can include drought and excessive rainfall and everything in between, can take its toll on a lawn. In certain instances, the best solution may be planting new grass. But homeowners can consider these tips before they begin the process of reseeding or replanting their lawns.

• Scarify the lawn. Scarifying a lawn can help to create a clean slate, but the timing must be right. Various lawn and garden experts, including those at BBC GardenersÕ World Magazine, recommend scarifying in spring or early autumn. But donÕt jump the gun when scarifying in spring by scarifying before the lawn has started to grow after a dormant winter. Scarify when the soil is a little wet and the grass is once again actively growing. Scarfiying can remove any lingering weeds from last season and also pull up any moss that might have taken hold over the winter. Without weeds and moss to contend with, freshly planted seeds are in better position to thrive.

• Work with a landscaping professional. Homeowners with manageable lawns can likely scarify their own lawns with a relatively inexpensive plug-in scarifier. However, scarifying can be a strenuous physical activity, particularly for homeowners with large lawns. In such instances, homeowners can benefit from working with a qualified landscaping professional. Such a professional can scarify the lawn and subsequently reseed or replant new grass. The latter task is not so simple, as the lawn care experts at Scotts¨ note that choosing the correct seed is a vital part of reseeding or replanting a lawn. Choosing seed may sound simple, but itÕs a potentially complex decision that requires knowledge of the existing grass, including when to plant it. Certain grasses are best planted in spring or early fall, while others are best planted in summer. A qualified landscaping professional can identify the existing grass and plan the seeding or planting around this important detail.

• Prepare to water the lawn. Watering is vital to the long-term success and health of freshly planted grass seed. Scotts¨ urges homeowners to keep the top inch of soil consistently moist, but not soggy. That requires a daily commitment, and setting a multi-function hose nozzle or sprinkler to the mist setting once per day or more if itÕs hot outside can increase the chances grass will grow in thick and strong. Scotts¨ recommends keeping the top two inches of the soil moist until the new grass reaches a mowing height of roughly three inches. Once that benchmark has been reached, watering frequency can be cut back to about twice per week, but now the soil should be deeply soaked instead of misted. The soaking will help roots grow deep into the soil.

Spring is a great time for homeowners in various regions to reseed or replant their lawns. With the right approach, homeowners can enjoy a full and lush lawn throughout summer.

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Daily steps to make a vehicle last longer

Modern cars have longer life expectancies than their predecessors. Consumer Reports indicates it's not unheard of for modern vehicles to endure for 200,000 miles or more. For many, that equates to 12 to 15 years of usage.

Even though many vehicles are built to have increased longevity, it often is up to the driver to do his or her part to ensure cars and trucks can last for years and years. Here are some daily steps vehicle owners can take to achieve longer life spans for their cars or trucks.

• Take it slow and steady. Athletes do not hit the ground running at top speed, and neither should a vehicle. Let the car gradually acclimate to being on the move each day after sitting overnight. Gently accelerate and afford the engine time to warm up and all of the components to get the fluids they require before you jump on the highway or require the vehicle to go all out. Most automotive experts warn against idling a car in the driveway to warm it up, but starting out at a slow and steady pace is key.

• Don't be extreme. Jerky turns, gunning the gas and braking hard lead to unnecessary wear and tear on a vehicle. By smoothing out your driving, you'll put less stress on mechanical components and help prevent them from wearing out prematurely.

• Clean it out daily. Accumulated debris often builds up inside a vehicle that is used all of the time. Taking a few minutes to clear out trash or to wipe down the interior each day will prolong the interior components, not to mention make it easier to do a more thorough detailing when the time comes.

• Find a trusty fuel station. Bad gas can wreak havoc on a vehicle. Find a station that you trust, particularly one that takes care of their pumps and regularly changes their pump filters. It's worth it to spend a little more overall for good gas.

• Read your oil level. Oil is essential to maintain a properly operating engine and vehicle. AARP suggests routine reading of a car's oil level so that you can add lubricant as necessary. While this might not be a daily task, doing it regularly enough means you will keep on top of this important step.

• Park in the shade or a garage. The sun may feel good on a warm day, but the UV rays from the sun can take their toll on a vehicle's paint. Whenever possible, park out of direct sunlight so that the paint will not fade and the interior upholstery will not bleach. Those who need to park their vehicles for an extended period of time should choose a clean, dry, well-ventilated location, advises Wawanesa Insurance.

• Be attentive. Listen to the sounds your vehicle is making and give it a visual inspection each time you get in or out of the car. The sooner you catch something that is out of the ordinary, the easier it becomes to fix problems before they become costly and damaging.

Vehicle owners can take steps each day to improve the longevity of their cars and trucks.

Gardening safety for seniors

Longer hours of daylight and warming temperatures are hallmarks of spring and each of these variables do much to contribute to the reputation of a season that's become synonymous with rejuvenation. After months spent confronting cold temperatures and huddling up indoors, people might find the welcoming conditions of spring irresistible, which compels many to spend more time outdoors.

There's no shortage of things to do outside in spring, and the season marks a perfect time to reestablish one's green thumb and get down and dirty in the garden. Gardening is a rewarding and healthy activity, though some, particularly seniors, may need to approach springtime sessions in the garden with a heightened degree of caution. Seniors can keep these health and safety tips in mind as they celebrate the return of spring and what that means for their gardens.

• Recognize that gardening is exercise. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identifies gardening as a good form of exercise, and evidence supports the notion that gardening is a particularly beneficial form of physical activity. A 2024 meta-analysis published in the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry indicated that individuals who engaged in low levels of leisure time physical activities such as gardening are likely to have a lower risk of stroke than peers who are sedentary. It's important to keep these findings in mind when gardening, which is perhaps more physically demanding than some may recognize. Seniors can approach gardening just like they would other forms of exercise, taking the same precautions, such as stretching before and after each session and making a concerted effort to remain hydrated, while out in the garden.

• Incorporate rest into your garden routine. Rest is vital for anyone engaged in physical activity, including gardeners. Frequent breaks during gardening sessions can help avoid strains and sprains and provide opportunities to hydrate and get out of the sun. If possible, seniors can identify a shaded spot on their properties and place a bench there so they have somewhere to rest during gardening sessions.

• Utilize ergonomic gardening tools and other specialized products. The Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University notes that ergonomics studies movements of a person's body during physical activities in an effort to produce tools that ensure a task has as little physical impact on the body as possible. Ergonomic tools are designed to lower injury risk, improve efficiency and increase satisfaction that stems from performing a particular activity. Before each gardening season, seniors can inspect their existing tools and replace them with ergonomic alternatives, if necessary. In addition, seniors can utilize specialized products, including long-handled gardening tools that reduce the need to bend over or kneel down, to further reduce their risk of injury while working in the garden.

These simple strategies can ensure seniors' springtime gardening sessions are as safe as they are rewarding.

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Seed of Resilience: Allegan Food Alliance expands community access

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As federal support for critical food programs like WIC, Head Start, Meals on Wheels, SNAP, and local farm purchasing is scaled back across the country, the Allegan Food Alliance is doubling down on a community-based solution: seeds, education, and connection.

Earlier this month, the Alliance hosted its second Annual Allegan Seed Fair, welcoming dozens of attendees to workshops, resource tables, and free seed distribution.

But this is just the beginning: the new AFA office, located at 221 Suite B, Trowbridge Street in Allegan, now serves as the hub of the Allegan Seed Library and Resource Center—with more than 2,100 packets of seeds still available, free to residents and to local seed libraries.

"Seeds grow more than food—they grow resilience," said Mary Colborn, Executive Director of the Allegan Food Alliance. "When federal supports fall away, it's up to communities like ours to grow stronger together. At Allegan Food Alliance, we're building food security from the ground up—one seed packet at a time."

The Alliance's work goes beyond seed sharing. They are partnering with local health departments to launch a Community Garden Build Project this spring and have plans to stage a community production of Seedfolks—a play about how a shared garden transforms a neighborhood. Despite their growing impact, the Alliance faces a literal barrier: ongoing parking lot construction behind their building has made their office entrance difficult to access— especially for seniors and those with mobility issues.

"We recognize this is part of larger infrastructure improvements, but we can't ignore the irony: the very work meant to make Allegan stronger is currently limiting access to education, seeds, and community connection," said Colborn. "We're actively looking for support—from accessibility consultants, contractors, and community members—to help us find solutions."

How to Support: • Pick up seeds at the AFA office (email or call ahead for hours) • Donate or connect via https://givebutter.com/SeedsofAccess • Reach out with ideas for accessible space, support, or partnership

Progressive Yard Sales to Benefit Ladders of Hope and Fennville UMC

The public is invited to support two important non-profits that serve the community of Fennville. For two consecutive weekends in May you can "shop til you drop" at 5849 W. M-89. The Fennville United Methodist Church, will be hosting both sales.

During weekend 1 the church will offer many used treasures May 8: 4pm-7pm; May 9: 8 am-4pm; May 10: 9am-Noon. 75 % of the proceeds collected will benefit the kitchen remodeling project scheduled to begin in June. After 50 years it is time to upgrade our kitchen so we can better serve our church and our community. Our doors are always open for weddings, funerals, family gatherings, community dinners, and Senior Citizen lunches.

Come back the following weekend and support Fennville's food pantry, Ladders of Hope. Mike Wohlwend, executive director explained, "Our pantry is a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting food insecurities in Allegan County. In 2024 we were able to assist 7,044 individuals in 2,249 households. This sale provides funds to help make this happen."

You can support Ladders of Hope May 15:4pm-7 p.m.; May 16: 8am-4pm; May 17: 9am-Noon. In addition, shoppers at the Ladders of Hope sale can enjoy supper on Thursday or lunch on Friday as they shop.

One Act Festival, Youth Edition, raises the curtain

By Gari Voss

The Allegan Community Players will raise the curtain at the Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard St., on the 11th Annual One-Act Festival, Youth Edition, Saturday, April 26, 2025. The Red Carpet Premiere will begin at 5pm, theater doors will open at 5:30pm, and the plays will begin at 6pm. Sunday, April 27th, the doors will open at 1:30pm, and plays will begin at 2pm. The 5 One Act Plays are written by area script writers, and most of the actors are youth under 18.

The casts of The One-Act Festival - Youth Edition are ready to open on Saturday, April 26, 2024, at 6pm. Front row: Austyn Clouthier, Alesandra Greig, Kyrstin Herren, Adrian Dulac, Piper LaForest, Brooklynn Morton. Back Row: Lindsay Kruse, Zoey Andree, Eleanor Hoffmeister, Riley Fouch, Celia Grant, Olyvia Clapper, Ari Mae Thayer, Theia Rhude, Caia Rhude, Jennifer LaForest

ACP President Don Grant reflected, "This year's One-Act Festival has been an absolute blast! Putting our local youth in the spotlight was a brilliant change of pace. Seeing their growth, especially those who came through our summer youth camp, has been incredibly rewarding. For so many others, stepping onto that stage for the first time, delivering their first lines – those are the moments that make it all worthwhile. We intentionally designed this year's one-acts to champion our youth, an opportunity we haven't fully embraced in some time.

ACP is having a dynamic year, starting strong with our production of "The Bird Day Party," and now celebrating the incredible potential of our young performers. Yes, working with kids can be challenging, but the joy of witnessing their growth is unparalleled. Sharing this passion alongside my daughter Celia is an added gift. I'm so proud of our community theater and feel incredibly fortunate to share its magic with others."

The One Acts Youth Edition provides a fabulous opportunity to introduce young audiences to live theater. All ages are welcome. Tickets for general admission can be purchased in advance at allegancommunityplayers.org or at the door of the Griswold Auditorium on the day of the performance for $12 general admission. Use discount code FAIR until April 25th for $2.00 off each ticket.

Riders, hit the trails and win big

By Gari Voss

Friends of the Allegan County Equestrian Trail System (FACETS) invite all riders to Silver Creek County Park, 3900 134th Ave., Hamilton, MI, on Saturday, April 26, 2025, beginning at 8:30am to participate in the 2025 Poker Ride Fundraiser. This event not only raises funds that are used to maintain the riding trails through Allegan County but adds an element of friendly competition.

After winters and springs like the ones Allegan County just endured, the equestrian trails can fill with trees and branches which must be removed. That requires funds to run machines, even though the operators are often volunteers who clear the trails connecting the Silver Creek, Swan Creek Pond, Ely Lake, Pine Point Trails, and Littlejohn Lake.

When riders check in on Saturday, April 26th beginning at 8:30am, they are given a map that will guide them to the location of containers holding poker chips. These have been hung in the trees along the trails within reach of the riders. Once a rider collects 5 chips, s/he returns to the registration table to draw a poker hand. The best hand wins the cash grand prize, and the second best wins the runner up prize.

Keeping the Allegan County equestrian trails barrier free after winter and spring storms takes a village of dedicated workers who have a passion for riding and for making sure all riders have safe trails to travel. The Poker Ride 2025 Fundraiser, sponsored by the Friends of the Allegan County Equestrian Trail System (FACETS), assists in providing the funds and fun to cover the costs of trail maintenance. April 26, 2025, beginning at 8:30am, riders will purchase their maps and set out to find poker chips that will provide a winning poker hand. The ride begins at the pavilion in Silver Creek Equestrian Park, 3900 134th Ave., Hamilton, MI. For more information, text (269) 568-6303 or (269) 506-3765.

If a rider does not like the cards drawn, three more cards can be purchased for $5. Those who do not hold winning hands, do not need to despair. Smaller prizes will be given away during the presentation at 2:30pm.

Late risers should not worry because registration goes until 10am, and participants can be on the trails until 2pm.

Early pre-registration has passed, but it is not too late to text (269) 568-6303 or (269) 506-3765 and make reservations or just arrive between 8:30 and 10am at Silver Creek. Those who donate $30 will receive a FACETS T-shirt while the supply lasts.

The Allegan County Equestrian Trail System (FACETS) began as a collaborative effort between the Allegan County Parks, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the volunteer group taking the name of Friends of the Allegan County Equestrian Trail System (FACETS). Not many of the original riders are still around, but a conversation with Chuck Pullen will provide an understanding of how passionate the riders were to create safe passage for horses and riders through Allegan County.

The 60 miles of designated riding trails through the Allegan State Game Area connect Allegan County parks. Thanks to FACETS, the trails and ecosystems have been maintained because of the dedication of the riders and friends who loved riding together then sitting around the campfire and sharing stories.

The Allegan County Parks and Recreation leadership acknowledges, "It is important to note that this ETS opportunity would not be possible without the active and dedicated volunteer group in FACETS (Friends of Allegan County Equestrian Trails)."

For those who would like to join the clean-up teams, text (269) 568-6303 or (269) 506-3765. For those unable ride on April 26th but wish to assist can make checks payable to FACETS and mail them to Vicki Cassidy, 2554 38th St. Allegan, MI 49010.

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Allegan farmers featured in docuseries

Allegan farmers, Jake and Ryan Drozd were recently featured in the award-winning Frontier Fields docuseries from Mosaic Biosciences.

Capturing the attention of farmers across the country with more than 1.7 million views and 5.9 million minutes watched, the Frontier Fields docuseries showcased the experiences and honest opinions of farmers like Jake and Ryan as they trialed biologicals on their farms. Last week, this docuseries received national recognition from the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA), winning first place in the Digital Content category at the Best of NAMA Awards.

"Frontier Fields would not have been possible without the farmers like Jake and Ryan Drozd who were willing to participate and go on camera to share their authentic experiences," said Jenny Wang, Executive Vice President, Commercial, The Mosaic Company. "Much of our success with the docuseries can be attributed to their honest feedback and real-world insights about how biologicals work."

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OnPoint operates as a Policy Governance Board created by Section 226 of the Michigan Mental Health Code.

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Interested Allegan County residents may submit a completed application to:

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Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Applications are available online at https://onpointallegan.org/board-center/ or call County Administration at 269-673-0239 to request that an application be mailed.

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For The Record

Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

April 24, 1950

Tiger Nine wins first game, 7-1: Allegan's Tigers successfully opened their season with a 7-1 victory over the Bulldogs Thursday at Otsego.

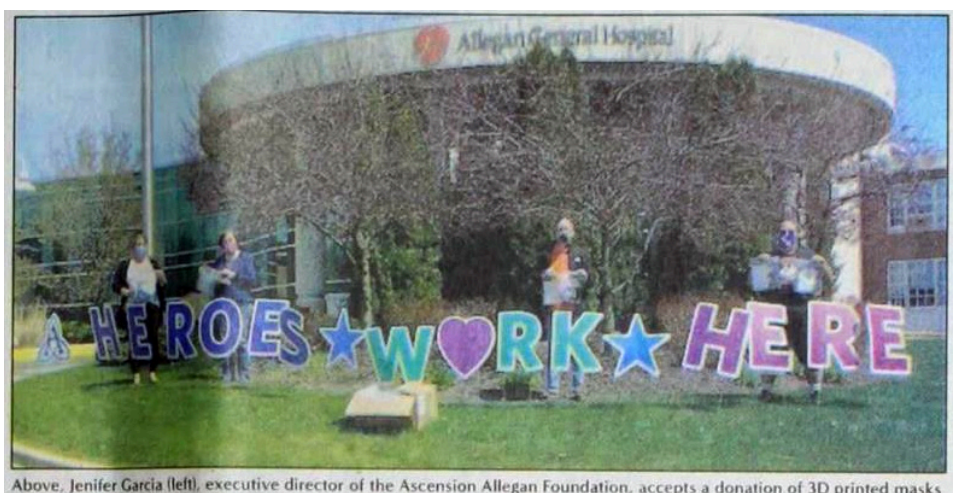
Miles Hadden limited the Bulldogs to four hits while Allegan was connecting for 3 hits off Jack Weber.

Otsego started out with a band in the first inning as they collected three of their hits to score their only run of the game. Wanfield, Taylor and Weber got the hits and then Hadden closed the door on the Otsego hitters and didn't allow another hit until the seventh inning when Henry hit a single.

Allegan came back in the second inning to tie up the game and scored without the aid of a hit. Fran Cook got on by an error, stole second, went to third on an infield out and later scored the tying run on a flyball to the outfield.

Allegan sewed up the game in the fourth inning by scoring five runs on one hit. Cook led off with a base on balls, Hadden then singled Cook to third. With Cook on third, Jimmy Meyers laid down a perfect bunt to squeeze Cook home with the second run for Allegan.

April 24, 1975



Above, Jenifer Garcia (left), executive director of the Ascension Allegan Foundation, accepts a donation of 3D printed masks for hospital employees from local teachers who helped create them with 3D printers: (from left) Julie Eckwielen, Brian Price and Geoff Nash. (Photo provided)

Julie Beckers readies for 'busiest week': Julie Beckers is getting ready for the busiest, most exciting week she has ever spent—the Miss Michigan pageant in Muskegon June 16 to 21.

Representing Allegan County, the pert Miss Beckers, who was named Harvest Queen last September at the County Fair, will compete for the state title along with a bevy of beauties who, besides being beautiful, must have poise, talent, intelligence, charm and dignity.

If past pageants serve as a barometer, Julie is extremely qualified in each category.

Though she says the weeklong competition is "scary when I think about it," Julie's performance in the Miss Allegan pageant last August and the county Harvest Queen contest in September were almost without flaw.

She will perform the same modern jazz dance, "Space Odyssey," in Muskegon that the judges of local pageants favored and she'll wear fashions from Paine Farms Apparel of Allegan that she models tonight (Thursday) in the "Ot-Well-Egan Swings Into Spring '75 Style Show."

April 27, 2000

Tennis streak ends at 84 conference victories: Gary Ellis came to Allegan in 1974 as a new teacher and tennis coach, and a legacy began.

"The Streak," a fad in '74, became a reality for the Tiger tennis team starting April 13, 1988, and ended April 18, 2000.

The ending was reminiscent of its beginning. The last time an Allegan tennis team lost a Wolverine Conference dual match was in '88 to Gull Lake. The team to end The Streak in '00 was again Gull Lake.

The Streak stood at 84 straight Wolverine Conference dual matches won by the Tigers over a 13-year period.

The loss in '88 was a 4-3 nailbiter and the opening conference match for both teams. Gull Lake, as this year, was loaded with awesome singles and good doubles. The Tigers needed a win in singles from someone and then a sweep in doubles.

The singles win came unexpectedly from freshman Stew Collins, who upset Gull Lake's defending No. 4 singles state champion Bill Beardsley. Then, as now, the Tigers' doubles came up a little short and the match went to the Blue Devils.

Both teams went through the rest of the league undefeated and met each other in the finals of the conference tournament in all seven flights for the championship. This time things ended differently.

Allegan tennis coach Gary Ellis is all smiles as he and his Tigers start a new streak of consecutive Wolverine Conference dual match victories. "The Streak" began in 1988 and had stretched to 84 wins before coach Roger Cornelius and his Gull Lake team put a stop to it this season. (Photo by Walt Kaechele)

April 23, 2020

Teachers create masks for healthcare workers: As area teachers saw how local healthcare workers were in need of personal protective equipment, they put their own and the schools' 3D printers to work.

Julie Eckwielen teaches technology at Pine Trails and West Ward elementaries in Allegan and said she first heard of 3D printer enthusiasts mobilizing in a story about the Print Force Facebook group, which was gathering printers by the dozens in the Lansing area.

"After the schools closed, I was looking for a project and started hearing about the need for PPE," Eckwielen said, noting she was moved by how the community of 3D printer owners here and elsewhere had swiftly moved into action for their communities.

She joined the Lansing-based group at the end of March along with fellow Allegan technology teacher Brian Price and West Ward second-grade teacher Geoff Nash. They eventually connected with Mattawan teacher Jarrod DeGroff, who formed a more local group April 4, the SWMI Print Force. The group has 35 members so far, including Nash's brother Joe.

"I immediately printed up a few things early on," Eckwielen said. "I think at first some places were hesitant to take them, but once we really started seeing the national shortages happen, we were happy to help."

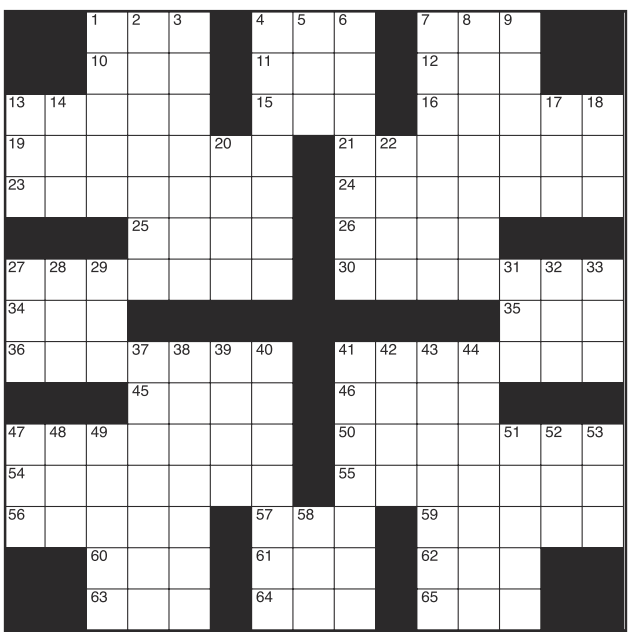
She said Allegan Public Schools offered up the district's filament—the spools of plastic that 3D printers melt and sculpt into rigid objects—for us in the project.

Allegan superintendent James Antoine said, "I am beyond proud of our educators who have stepped up to assist our first responders during this crisis."

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Harvest Queen Julie Beckers will represent Allegan County in the Miss Michigan pageant in Muskegon June 16-21.

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. English TV station
4. It fuels cars
7. Where ships dock (abbr.)
10. Indigenous people of Thailand
11. Midway between northeast and east
12. Small Milky Way constellation
13. Fritz __, Austrian chemist
15. A Brit's grandmother
16. Colombian city
19. Visualize
21. Charged
23. People's assets
24. Informative books
25. Jeer
26. You can do it with your horn
27. Agents of your downfall
30. Central Uganda city
34. Supervises flying
35. Type of tree
36. Alfalfa
41. Dishwasher soap brand
45. Hall where military eats
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Speaks incessantly
50. Discuss again
54. Extreme greed
55. Adopt or support
56. Fantasy writer Russell
57. Seize
59. Early Mesoamerican civilization
60. Noted pet detective Ventura
61. Automobile
62. Georgia rockers
63. Color opposite green
64. Amount of time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN
1. Sheep sound
2. Some can be emotional
3. Inflammation of colon lining
4. Origins
5. Comedienne Gasteyer
6. Perceived by the senses
7. A place to play ball
8. Occur before
9. Animal body parts
13. Thanksgiving dessert
14. Root mean square (abbr.)
17. 1960s teen idol Bobby
18. Promotional materials
20. One point east of northeast
22. Piers Anthony protagonist
27. Popular sports league
28. Cologne
29. Partner to cheese
31. Constrictor snake
32. Not good
33. Supplement with difficulty
37. Hug with fondness
38. Enforced again
39. Small amount of time (abbr.)
40. Substance
41. Anterior parts of the brain
42. Brews
43. Where ships load cargo
44. Holiday season singer
47. '__ humbug!'
48. Monetary unit of Macao
49. Popular children's book elephant
51. Glutinous
52. Function
53. Old world, new
58. Swiss river

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Deaths

April 6, 2025

JOHN LOUIS BIONDI, 67, Douglas

April 7, 2025

SCOTT ALAN DEULING, 59, Leighton Twp.

RAYMOND LEROY RUSSELL, 90, Lee Twp.

DEBORAH RUTH RUHL, 67, Allegan

April 8, 2025

JOHN LEE BARNHART, 52, Plainwell

JEAN EVELYN HICKS, 94, Trowbridge Twp.

April 9, 2025

JOHN COLMAN SANFORD, 84, Saugatuck

April 10, 2025

JOYCE ANN LEINAAR, 74, Allegan Twp.

April 12, 2025

MARK ALAN GUILFORD, 69, Martin Twp.

RONDA SUE KELLY, 56, Martin

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between April 8 and April 16:

RICHARD EARL ELY, Hamilton, and **ROSA MARIA DELGADO**, Hamilton

WILLIAM HENRY BUSH, Fennville, and **JOANNE MARIE THOMAS**, Fennville

JAMES PETER TYRON, Fennville, and **DAVID ALLEN VANSPARRENTAK**, Fennville

ALICIA EVANGELINA ANDRADE, Pullman, and **CARLOS RUIZ GARCIA**, Pullman

VICTORIA ELIZABETH WARREN, Allegan, and **JACOB ROYALE STANNISH**, Allegan

ELEONORA PEREZ, Fennville, and **MAYCOOL PITER LOPEZ PONCIO**, Fennville

JASON REESE PURLEE, Allegan, and **EMILY LYNN HITCHCOCK**, Allegan

AMELIA ANGELINA GARCIA LAGOS, Plainwell, and **DERICK MAGDIEL CRUZ ALVAREZ**, Plainwell

ALEJANDRO LOPEZ GAYTAN, Holland, and **MARIA CRUZ GARCIA CORREA**, Holland

SKYLA LYNN SHARSKI, Hamilton, and **CALEB ALEXANDER SMITH**, Hamilton

HANNA KAY WHELAN, Otsego, and **NICHOLAS JAMES VANDERKLIPP**, Otsego

ADRIANNA KATHERINE BENAVIDEZ, Fennville, and **ORLANDO FLORES**, Fennville

FAITH MARIE ROYS, Allegan, and **JOHNATHON ERIC PORTER**, Hopkins

JESSICA LYNN TRINKLEIN, Fennville, and **MATTHEW JOSEPH ZAWILA**, Fennville

RILEY LEE HORTON, Plainwell, and **BROOKLYN JOY DROST**, Plainwell

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

Ordinance No. 187

To: The residents and property owners of the Township of Gun Plain Charter Township, Allegan County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Gun Plain Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 187 on Wednesday May 21, 2025 at 6:00pm at their regular Planning Commission meeting located at 381 8th Street Plainwell, MI 49080. Ordinance No. 187 amends the official Gun Plain Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. Chapter 17, Section 17.36.

AMENDMENT TO THE GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 17, SECTION 17.36 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM ORDINANCE

This Ordinance is to establish minimum requirements and regulations for the construction, erection, placement, location, maintenance, modification, operation, and decommissioning of Energy Storage Systems in the Township in a manner that promotes economic development and ensures the protection of health, safety, and welfare while also avoiding adverse impacts to important areas such as agricultural lands, residential areas, endangered species habitats, conservation lands, and other sensitive lands.

SECTION I
DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall be added to Chapter III Section 3.01 Interpretation of Language of the Township Zoning Ordinance, and shall be inserted into said Zoning Ordinance so that all definitions are in alphabetical order:

Energy Storage System: One or more devices, assembled, capable of storing energy to supply electrical energy at a future time, not to include a stand-alone 12-volt car battery, an electric motor vehicle, or small store-bought batteries designed and used purely for household electronic items.

Energy Storage System, Small: An Energy Storage System that is a principal use (or co-located with a second principal use) and that is designed and built to connect into the distribution or transmission grid with a nameplate capacity less than 50 megawatts.

Energy Storage System, Large: An Energy Storage System (ESS) that is a principal use (or co-located with a second principal use) and that is designed and built to connect to the transmission grid with a nameplate capacity of 50 megawatts or more.

Non-Participating Property: Any property that is adjacent to a participating property, but is not part of the energy storage project.

Participating Property: An energy storage system host property or any real property that is the subject of an agreement that provides for the payment of monetary compensation to the landowner from the system owner (or affiliate) regardless of whether any part of a system is constructed on the property.

SECTION II
ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM REGULATIONS

Section 1. Energy Storage Systems.

The following requirements shall apply to all energy storage systems:

1. Site Selection. In the "AG" Agricultural District, this land use shall not unreasonably diminish farmland, including, but not limited to, prime farmland and, to the extent that evidence of such farmland is available in the evidentiary record, farmland dedicated to the cultivation of specialty crops.

2. Energy Storage Systems, Small shall be allowed as a special land use in the following zoning districts:

   A. AG Agricultural
   B. I-1 Industrial

3. Energy Storage Systems, Large shall be allowed as a special land use in the following zoning districts:

   A. AG Agricultural
   B. I-1 Industrial

4. The following minimum setbacks shall be required. Setbacks are measured from the nearest facility structure to the nearest point on the associated item:

   A. 100 feet from any property line of a non-participating property
   B. 300 feet from the nearest point on the outer wall of a dwelling on non-participating property.
   C. 50 feet measured from the nearest edge of a public road right-of-way.

5. Height. The height of energy storage system structures, except for electric distribution and transmission poles, shall not exceed a height of twenty (20) feet as measured from the natural grade of the property beneath the structure. Stacking of energy storage system components is prohibited.

6. Fencing. The system shall be completely enclosed with fencing in compliance with the latest version of the National Electrical Safety Code or any applicable successor standard approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

7. Sound. The system may not generate a maximum sound in excess of 55 average hourly decibels as measured at the property line of an adjacent non-participating property. Decibel modeling shall use the A- weighted scale designed by the American National Standards Institute. The Planning Commission shall require the applicant to provide a sounds study as part of the special land use review process.

8. Lighting. The system must implement dark sky-friendly lighting solutions.

9. Impacts of Battery Energy Storage System, Small and Large Energy Storage System.

   A. The following requirements shall apply to the entire system, or to designated components of the system, as indicated:

      1. Safety Signage. The system shall post signs in compliance with NFPA 70/70E or any applicable successor code in place at the time of application for approval. Additionally, signage shall be provided per NFPA 855 7.4.4, or any applicable successor code in place at the time of application for approval, including information on the system type and technology, special hazards, fire suppression system and 24-hour emergency contact information, including reach-back phone number. A clearly visible warning sign concerning voltage shall be placed at the base of all pad-mounted transformers and substations.

      2. Other Signage: Additional signage may be permitted or required by the Planning Commission as is necessary to ensure the safe operation of the system.

      3. The facility shall comply with NFPA 855 "Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems" or any applicable successor standard adopted by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

   B. The Planning Commission shall require reasonable measures to minimize visual impacts by preserving existing natural vegetation, requiring new vegetative screening or other appropriate measures. The Planning Commission shall determine such visual screening measures as may be required on a site-specific basis pursuant to the standards for Special Land Use approval as specified in Section 17.36, the landscaping and screening standards of Chapter 21 Section 21.01-21.10, and/or the standards for site plan approval as specified in Chapter 20 Section 20.01-20.06 of the Zoning Ordinance of 2002 as Amended by Gun Plain Charter Township Board. In making this determination the Planning Commission is specifically authorized to consider whether additional visual screening measures are appropriate where a system is proposed to be located on property adjacent to a residential use and/or a residential district zoning classification. All screening/landscaping shall be properly maintained throughout the life of the project including replacement of any dead landscaping within six months.

   C. If the system includes an access drive(s) for maintenance purposes, the surface of the access drive(s) shall be permeable (unless on brownfield land or on an already paved surface at the time of application for approval, such as a parking lot or former building foundation.)

   D. Subject to approval of the Planning Commission, the area within which the system is located shall not be paved with asphalt/concrete or any other surface material that is impermeable to water other than for slab foundations for structures and equipment. This shall not apply to a system located on brownfield land or on an existing paved area such as a former building slab or in an unused parking area when adequate parking remains for all other uses on the site.

   E. All surface water runoff created by construction and operation of the project shall be effectively managed on-site.

8. Installation and Operational Safety. The system shall comply with all of the following requirements:

   A. The system shall be designed and constructed for interconnection to a Michigan Public Service Commission or Midcontinent Independent System Operator regulated utility electrical power grid and shall be operated with such interconnection.

   B. The system and all foundation elements shall comply with all applicable building and electrical code requirements, and any applicable federal/state regulations. The manufacturer's engineer or another qualified engineer shall provide written certification that the design, installation (including foundations), and interconnection is compliant with the manufacturer and industry standards, all applicable local construction and electrical codes, and any applicable federal/state regulations.

   C. Other than transmission or distribution lines for interconnection to the electric power grid, all electrical wiring shall be buried underground; except where the manufacturer's engineer or a qualified engineer employed by the utility that owns/operates the electrical power grid to which the system shall be interconnected certifies an underground wiring installation is not permitted by an applicable code and/or applicable federal/state regulation, with attached complete documentation supporting any such certification.

   D. The system shall be designed, located, and maintained so as to comply with all applicable codes and regulations.

9. Public Safety. The Emergency Response Plan and Fire Response Plan shall provide reasonable protection of the public health, welfare and safety including but not limited an internal fire suppression system, an emergency shutdown procedure in place and shall provide the local fire department site safety plans to include electrical, fire, smoke, and hazardous materials release, emergency response protocols and identification of typical hazards related to, electrical, fire, smoke and hazardous materials pertinent to the facility. Upon request, all systems shall provide first responder training at the site.

10. Repair and Augmentation. In addition to repairing or replacing facility components to maintain the system, the facility may at any time be augmented without the need to submit a new site plan so long as the augmentation is within the same footprint (e.g., same dedicated use building or on footings/foundations in the same location) as the original permit. If there is a change in the energy storage system chemistry, an updated Hazard Mitigation Analysis and Emergency Operation Plan shall be provided. When a facility is anticipated to be augmented over its lifetime by adding additional components, the applicant shall apply for the final/augmented site arrangement. A proposal to increase the size the project footprint may be considered a new application, subject to the ordinance standards at the time of the request.

11. Decommissioning and Removal. A decommissioning plan is required at the time of application.

    A. The decommission plan shall include:
       i. The anticipated manner in which the project will be decommissioned, including a description of which above-grade and below-grade improvements will be removed, retained (e.g., access drive, fencing), or restored for viable reuse of the property consistent with the zoning district. Pursuant to this requirement, the decommissioning plan shall be required to include that any structures up to forty-eight (48) inches below-grade shall be removed for disposal.
       ii. The projected decommissioning costs shall reflect the estimated current cost and any future anticipated costs of the decommissioning project. Salvage value shall not be included in the cost to decommission the project.
       iii. The method of ensuring that funds will be available for site decommissioning and stabilization (in the form of surety bond or cash deposit).

    B. A review of the amount of the surety bond, based on inflation, and current removal costs shall be completed every 2 years, for the life of the project, and approved by the Planning Commission. A Energy Storage System owner may at any time:
       i. Proceed with the decommissioning plan approved by the Planning Commission, and remove the system as indicated in the most recent approved plan; or
       ii. Amend the decommissioning plan with Planning Commission approval and proceed according to the revised plan.

    C. Decommissioning of an Energy Storage System must commence when the soil is dry to prevent soil compaction and must be complete within 12 months after abandonment. An Energy Storage System that has not operated for 12 consecutive months shall prompt an abandonment hearing.
       i. Restoration shall include bringing soil and topography of the land to their pre-development composition unless the Planning Commission waives any part of this requirement to ensure permitted uses upon restoration. Soil tests shall be required as part of the decommissioning plan both before development and prior to the decommissioning.

12. Special Land Use Permit and Site Plan Application Requirements. Applications for Special Land Use permit approval shall comply with Chapter 22, Section 22.01-22.02 of the Zoning Ordinance of 2002 as Amended by Gun Plain Charter Township Board. A formal application for site plan approval for this land use shall comply with Chapter 20 Section 20.01-20.06 of the Zoning Ordinance of 2002 as Amended by Gun Plain Charter Township Board. An incomplete application will not be accepted by the Planning Commission. Each such application shall also be subject to the following additional submission requirements:

    A. The complete name, address, and telephone number of the applicant.

    B. The planned date for the start of construction and the expected duration of construction.

    C. A description of the system, including a site plan as described in Section 224 of the Clean and Renewable Energy Waste Reduction Act, 2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1224. The following items must be shown on the site plan:
       i. A map of all properties upon which any component of a facility or ancillary feature would be located, and all properties within one thousand (1,000) feet. This should indicate the location of all existing structures and shall identify such structures as occupied or vacant.
       ii. Lot lines and required setbacks shown and dimensioned including horizontal and vertical elevation drawings that show the location and height of the Energy Storage System on the land and dimensions of the Energy Storage System.
       iii. Size and location of existing and proposed water utilities, including any proposed connections to public, or private community sewer or water supply systems.
       iv. A map of any existing overhead and underground major facilities for electric, gas, telecommunications transmission within the facility and surrounding area
       v. The location and size of all surface water drainage facilities, including source, volume expected, route, and course to final destination.
       vi. A map depicting the proposed facilities, adjacent properties, all structures within participating and adjacent properties, property lines, and

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Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

The big topic on everyone's mind this week was the natural gas outage. Tell us your adventures or tale of woe. And since the City of Allegan didn't experience it, most of the conversations took place in Fennville.

-Woman at a market stand on M-89: "I'm cold. I'm still cold, and I'm waiting for the gas to come back on."

-Woman, same location: "Yeah, well, it could have been a lot worse, like the folks down south who had tornados and flooding or the earthquakes in California, or that big volcano up in Alaska. And for another thing, it happened now, rather than in the winter when it was really cold. I didn't like it, but it's okay."

-Man near the Fennville hardware store: "The only thing that bothered me is that my favorite eating joints were closed on account of it. I feel sorry them losing all my business." Laughs, and adds, "I'll be back."

-Couple near the same location. Woman, "Well, it gives us something to talk about besides politics and Trump. That's a good thing." Man with her: "She always looks on the bright side. That's what I like about her."

-Man, same location, "I guess we're saving on the gas bill, and maybe they'll kick in a little something to make it up to us."

-Woman near the grocery store: "Didn't really bother us. We heat with wood. The only thing was that we had cold water. Our boys didn't want to take a cold shower so I let them have a couple of days off. They thought it was a real treat. Besides, I didn't have water to do the laundry."

-Man, same area: "Sort of reminds me of when I was growing up. We didn't have much heat in the house. So, it's nothing bad. Too bad kids today don't know what hard times can be like."

Woman near the Fennville drug store: "Well, the thing I didn't like is that the gas people and everyone else just kept repeating the same message over and over and repeating themselves. They didn't keep us up to date for a few days. I don't think that is right, do you?"

-Young man near the Blue Goose: "My girlfriend, she lives down by Otsego and I stayed there."

-Man near the Fennville Post Office: "Well, thank God it wasn't the electricity. That would have been brutal. We had space heaters, you know, the electric ones, so we were all right, but without electricity, it would have been miserable. I think we came out on top on this one."

Martin Twp approves new street light poles

By Piper Raab

As snow was pouring down on the evening of Wednesday April 9th, the Martin Township Board lead by Supervisor, Glenn Leep, conducted business in an organized, tight-ship meeting.

The motion to carry the approval of 5 new street light poles was successfully voted on. The installation cost by Consumer's Energy is quoted at $100 per pole. The 5 street light poles will be located at (in Matin Township):

116th Ave. and 5th Street
116th Ave. and 8th Street
112th Ave. and 10th Street
120th Ave. and 10th Street
122nd Ave. and 10th Street

Two cemeteries near 8th Street, just north of 116th Avenue had damage from early April thunderstorms. A fallen tree knocked over a large tombstone. The tree was cut and taken care of. Lightning struck a large cedar tree and split it in half at the cemetery across the street. The tree had to be "cable-braced" together until it can be taken down professionally. Bids for tree service and tombstone repair will be taken care of by Memorial Day.

A Martin Township committee was formed in the fall of 2024; to spearhead a community improvement project for a new park. The Michigan DNR and the Allegan County Parks and Recreation Department has helped with a critique and an approval of a 9 question survey for a "community input" postcard mailer (with a QR code) to residents. Grant writing for public fundraising and the budget amount, for the park is to begin in April of 2026. In a telephone interview, Township Supervisor, Glenn Leep stated, "The Park Committee is presently looking for land to best fit the park plan."

At the end portion of the meeting, it was reported that the Martin Township Library and the Martin Township Fired Department are both short of funds for payroll for the months of: April, May and June, during the second quarter of 2025. Action to take place regarding this information was not discussed and the meeting was adjourned shortly afterward.

Library fair welcomes Michigan authors to Dorr

Dorr Township Library is proud to host nineteen Michigan authors—including several from the local area—in its Second Annual Author Fair next Thursday.

Lisa Childs, New York Times bestselling author of more than 100 novels of various genres including paranormal suspense and contemporary romance; Susie Finkbeiner, author of the critically acclaimed novel The Nature of Small Birds; and computer programmer-turned-science fiction author Martin L. Shoemaker will be among the nineteen local authors present.

Attendees can grab a plate from one of three different food trucks and have their books autographed as they meet and greet authors stationed throughout the library—located at 1804 Sunset Drive in Dorr—on Thursday, April 24, from 2 to 7:30 p.m.

the projected sound isolines along with the modeled sound isolines including the statutory limit.

D. A description of the expected use of the system.
E. Expected public benefits of the proposed system.
F. Information on the effects of the proposed system on public health and safety.
G. A description of the portion of the community where the system will be located.
H. The expected direct impacts of the proposed system on the environment and natural resources and how the applicant intends to address and mitigate these impacts.
I. A statement and reasonable evidence that the proposed system will not commence commercial operation until it complies with applicable state and federal environmental laws, including, but not limited to, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106.
J. Evidence of consultation, before submission of the application, with the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and other relevant state and federal agencies before submitting the application, including, but not limited to, the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.
K. The Soil and Economic Survey Report under Section 60303 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.60303, for the county where the proposed system will be located.
L. Interconnection queue information for the applicable regional transmission organization.
M. If the proposed site of the system is undeveloped land, a description of feasible alternative developed locations, including, but not limited to, vacant industrial property and brownfields, and an explanation of why they were not chosen. This requirement may be waived by the Planning Commission.
N. If the system is reasonably expected to have an impact on television signals, microwave signals, agricultural global position systems, military defense radar, radio reception, or weather and doppler radio, a plan to minimize and mitigate that impact. Information in the plan concerning military defense radar is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and shall not be disclosed by the commission or the electric provider or independent power producer except pursuant to court order.
O. A storm water assessment and a plan to mitigate, and repair any drainage impacts at the expense of the applicant. The applicant shall consult with the county drain commissioner before submitting the application and shall include evidence of those efforts in its application.
P. A fire response plan and an emergency response plan.
   i. The fire response plan (FRP) shall include:
      1. Will consult with the local fire department representatives and the local emergency manger to ensure that the FRP is in alignment with acceptable operating procedures, capabilities, resources, etc.
      2. A description of all on-site equipment and systems to be provided to prevent or handle fire emergencies.
      3. A description of all contingency plans to be implemented in response to the occurrence of a fire emergency.
      4. A commitment to review and update the FRP with fire departments, first responders, and county emergency managers at least once every year.
      5. An analysis of whether plans to be implemented in response to a fire emergency can be fulfilled by existing local emergency response capacity. The analysis should include identification of any specific equipment or training deficiencies in local emergency response capacity and recommendations for measures to mitigate deficiencies.
      6. Other information the Fire Department finds relevant.
   ii. The emergency response plan (ERP) shall include:
      1. Will consult with local first responders and county emergency managers to ensure that the ERP is in alignment with acceptable operating procedures, capabilities, resources, etc.
      2. An identification of contingencies that would constitute a safety or security emergency (fire emergencies are to be addressed in a separate fire response plan);
      3. Emergency response measures by contingency;
      4. Evacuation control measures by contingency;
      5. Community notification procedures by contingency;
      6. An identification of potential approach and departure routes to and from the facility site for police, fire, ambulance, and other emergency vehicles;
      7. A commitment to review and update the ERP with fire departments, first responders, and county emergency managers at least once every year;
      8. An analysis of whether plans to be implemented in response to an emergency can be fulfilled by existing local emergency response capacity, and identification of any specific equipment or training deficiencies in local emergency response capacity; and
      9. Other information the Fire Department finds relevant.
Q. A report detailing the sound modeling results along with mitigation plans to ensure that sound emitted from the system will remain below the statutory limit throughout the operational life of the system.
R. Any other information regarding compliance with the requirements herein.

13. Waiver. Because of the ever-changing technical capabilities of battery storage infrastructure and of new technology in general, the Township Planning Commission shall have the authority to review and consider alternatives in both the dimensional and physical requirements contained in this ordinance as part of the special land use review process, and other requirements annually.

14. Building Permit. Prior to issuance of a Building Permit, the following information shall be provided.

A. Equipment specification sheets.

B. Identification and contact information for the installer(s) of the proposed system.

C. Augmentation Plan.

D. Approved Decommissioning Plan and Decommissioning Agreement in recordable form and acceptable to the Township Attorney.

E. Life expectancy of the system components including the anticipated schedule for battery replacement to maintain megawatts over the system's lifetime.

F. Hazard Mitigation Analysis.

G. Operation and Maintenance Manual.

H. Identification and contact information for the installer of the system.

I. Electrical schematic plan for the system, including disconnect devices.

J. An approved FRP and ERP.

K. An executed Community Host Agreement in the amount of $2,000 per megawatt.

L. Proof of financial guarantee for decommissioning.

15. Transfers. No transfer in ownership of the Energy Storage System shall occur prior to providing 60 days' notice to the Township and upon Township approval verifying that the new owner agrees to carry out the terms of the special land use and site plan approval.

SECTION III
AMENDMENT TO THE GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE
CHAPTER IV SECTION 4.03 USES PERMITTED BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT J.

J. Energy Storage System Ordinance as regulated in Section 17.36 of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV
AMENDMENT TO THE GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE
CHAPTER XII SECTION 12.03 USES PERMITTED AFTER SPECIAL APPROVAL K.

K. Energy Storage System Ordinance as regulated in Section 17.36 of this Ordinance.

SECTION V
SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION VI
REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect 8 days after publication, after adoption, as required by law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written comments will be received from any interested person at the Township Office, 381 8th St., P.O. Box 146, Plainwell, Michigan 49080, up to and including the date of the public hearing and may also be submitted to the Township Planning Commission at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Gun Plain Charter Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon seven (7) days written notice to the Township Clerk at 381 8th Street, P.O. Box 146, Plainwell, Michigan 49080 or by Phone 269-685-9471 or Fax 269-685-5169.

GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
381 8th Street, P.O. Box 146
Plainwell, Michigan 49080
Phone 269-685-9471/Fax 269-685-5169

Public Notices

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kayla Picolet and Kayla Picolet to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Austin Capital Bank SSB dated June 14, 2019 and recorded June 20, 2019 in Liber 4354, Page 624, Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by MidFirst Bank by assignment. In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief entered for Plaintiff, MidFirst Bank against Defendant(s), Kayla Picolet in Case No. 24-68997-CH of Allegan County Circuit Court, the below premises shall be foreclosed and sold by public auction. Said Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief was entered on the 10th day of February, 2025, wherein there is claimed to be due on said date the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Twenty Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents ($136,020.26), which includes interest from at a rate of 6.75% plus sums advanced for taxes, insurance and other fees incurred and allowed by said mortgage. Under the Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief and related statutes, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief and that the sale shall be at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, on the 15th day of May, 2025 at 9:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Valley, County of Allegan and State of Michigan, described as follows: Lot 28 in Alpha Manor, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 39, Allegan County Records. Commonly Known As: 1751 Tom Nolan Rd, Allegan, MI, 49010 Tax ID: 22-100-028-00 This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. Dated: March 17, 2025 Orlans Law Group PLLC /s/Sogol I. Plagany Attorney Name Attorneys for Plaintiff File No. 24-005784

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Matthew W Carpenter, single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Penny-Mac Loan Services LLC

Date of Mortgage: August 7, 2019

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 4, 2019

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $130,010.60

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, Valley Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section, thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 1315.73 feet along the North line of said Section to the 1/8 post of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 259.46 feet along West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 423.94 feet to the centerline of Allegan Dam Road; thence South 70 degrees 29 minutes 19 seconds East 104.77 feet along said centerline, thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds East 456.49 feet; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 98.97 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 4040 Allegan Dam Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-8932

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: April 3, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Kendall and Lanora Kendall, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., dated October 31, 2005, and recorded November 10, 2015 in Book 2916, Page 404 in Allegan County records, Michigan, and assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on June 11, 2015 in Book 3935, and Page 82 and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, solely as owner trustee on behalf of Grand Avenue Mortgage Loan Trust 2017-RPL1 by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 24, 2018 in Book 4216, Page 320 and assigned to US Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of LB-TIKI Series V Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 27, 2023 in Book 4832, Page 466 and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Dwelling Series V Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on July 12, 2023 in Book 4870, Page 659, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty- Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight and 17/100 dollars ($163,158.17). Said premises are situated in the Township of Overisel, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: Situated in the Township of Overisel, County of Allegan, State of Michigan: That part of the West 5/8 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 14 West, Overisel Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33, thence proceeding on the North line of Section 33 South 87 degrees 49 minutes 01 second East 295.29 feet; thence on a line parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of Section 33 South 00 degrees 12 minutes 29 seconds East 295.29 feet; thence North 87 degrees 49 minutes 01 second West 295.29 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of Section 33; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 29 seconds West 295.29 feet to the point of beginning. Property Address: 3797 43rd Street Hamilton, MI 49419 Parcel No.: 18-033-003-10 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: April 3, 2025 For more information, please call: (440) 572-1511 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2405004 - Kendall, James and Lanora

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Melissa Young (the "Mortgagor") in favor of Big Brother Bail Bonds Agency, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company with an address of 800 Monroe Ave NW, Suite 212, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (the "Mortgagee") dated August 19, 2024, and recorded on September 19, 2024 at Liber 4974, Page 637 of Allegan County Records (the "Mortgage"). The amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage and unpaid as of the date of this Notice is Five Thousand Five Hundred and 0/100 ($5,500.00). This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the Mortgage and its related note as permitted by Michigan law after the date of this Notice. No legal or equitable proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage and the power of sale in the Mortgage has become operative by reason of default. The Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property herein described, or some part of thereof, at public auction, to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the Mortgage, along with interest due, the legal costs and charges of the sale as allowed by statute and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on, or prior to, the date of said sale. Notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them at a public venue at the place of holding, Allegan County Courthouse Lobby at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 at 9:00 a.m. on May 15, 2025. The property mentioned and described in the Mortgage is located in the Township of Valley, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, more specifically described as: LOT 155 ASPEN ACRES SEC 21 T2N R14W. Parcel ID: 22-160-155-00 Commonly Known As: 1777 Grant Drive, Allegan, MI 49010 together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures: all easements, rights of way, streets, roads, alleys, and public places, privileges, and appurtenances, public or private, now or later used in connection with the property; and all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of all applicable land division or platting acts, as amended from time to time. Attention Purchasers: the Foreclosing Mortgagee reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to sale or to rescind the sale at any time. In the event of cancellation or rescission, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. If the mortgaged property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for any damage to the property during the redemption period. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of the sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale, or as otherwise provided by statute. DATED: March 28, 2025 SHAUN P. WILLIS (P62441) WILLIS LAW ATTORNEYS FOR BIG BROTHER BAIL BONDS AGENCY, LLC 491 W. South Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 (269) 492-1040

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Eugene S Allen and Kim K Allen, Husband and Wife Original Mortgagee: Option One Mortgage Corporation Foreclosing Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2005-HE6 , Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series OOMC 2005-HE6 Date of Mortgage: May 5, 2005 Date of Mortgage Recording: May 16, 2005 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: $72,385.53 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Cheshire, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 15 Acres of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 14 West, Cheshire Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Commonly Known as: 391 45th St., Grand Junction, MI 49056 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 04/03/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 320528

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 05, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): TERRY L CRISMAN JR.. MARRIED MAN. Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 14, 2021 Recorded on July 22, 2021, in Document No. 2021018254, Liber 4648, on Page 839, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three and 60/100 Dollars ($175,283.60) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Beginning on the Section line 990 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 30, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, Gunplain Township, Allegan County, Michigan, and running thence West 22.5 feet; thence with bearings referred to said Section line as East and West, North 0 degrees 17 minutes East 531.7 feet as place of beginning, thence West 241 feet; thence North 180 feet; thence East 241 feet; thence South 180 feet to the place of beginning. Together with ingress and egress thereto over the present right of way situated along the East boundary line of said premises, being approximately 22-1/2 feet wide East and West. Commonly known as 1161 102nd Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Plaintiff Kay Halbert Nelson has filed an action seeking to discharge a mortgage for real property located in Allegan County, legally described as 'Lot number 88 of Orchard Acres Number 2' against Ability Bail Bond Services Agency, Inc., in Allegan County Circuit Court for the State of Michigan. Defendant must answer or take other action permitted by law within 28 days after the last date of publication of this notice. If Defendant does not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment affecting Defendant's interest may be entered, as requested in the complaint.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
Case No.: 2025-70073-CZ
Hon. Matthew Antkoviak
KAY HALBERT NELSON,
Plaintiff,
V.
ABILITY BAIL BOND SERVICES AGENCY, INC.,
Defendant.
Codie Lynn Burt (P85351)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Herbert Machnik Law Firm
5830 Venture Park Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 459-1432
codie@hmlf.law

EX-PARTE ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

At a session of said Court held in the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, on the 26 day of March, 2025.

PRESENT: HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK

The Court having considered Plaintiff's Ex-Parte Motion for Alternate Service, supporting

documents, and being fully advised in the premises; the Court finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(J), that service of process by publication is the best available method of service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

Plaintiff may serve process on Defendant by publication, pursuant to MCR 2.106(D) by

publishing the following notice, once a week for 3 consecutive weeks, in a newspaper in the county where the action is pending:

"Plaintiff Kay Halbert Nelson has filed an action seeking to discharge a mortgage for real property located in Allegan County, legally described as 'Lot number 88 of Orchard Acres Number 2' against Ability Bail Bond Services Agency, Inc., in Allegan County Circuit Court for the State of Michigan. Defendant must answer or take other action permitted by law within 28 days after the last date of publication of this notice. If Defendant does not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment affecting Defendant's interest may be entered, as requested in the complaint."

This is not a final order and does not close the case.

Dated: 3/26/2025
Signed: Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK Circuit Court Judge
Brenda L Thomas
Deputy Clerk
4-10 4-24

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 15, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Emily Capitano-Kosanke and Steven Kosanke, wife and husband

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Penny-Mac Loan Services, LLC

Date of Mortgage: January 29, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 9, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $118,029.81

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The West 1/2 Lot 28 of Gores Addition and Lot 29 of Gores Addition, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, on Page 27, Allegan County Records.

Common street address (if any): 1053 Bloomfield Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080-1505

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: April 10, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 15, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Loren K. Sargent, a married man; Rebecca Sargent, a married woman, whose address is 6463 124th, Fennville, Michigan 49408, as original Mortgagors, to THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., being a mortgage dated October 22, 1998, and recorded on December 14, 1998 in Liber 1798 Page 318, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon, the Successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for CIT Home Equity Loan Trust 2002-1, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated October 2, 2020 and recorded on October 13, 2020 in Liber 4522 Page 744, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND FIFTY-SEVEN AND 87/100 DOLLARS ($30,057.87). Said premises are situated in the Township of Saugatuck, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: EAST 1/3 OF THE SOUTH 3/4 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 EXCEPT THE NORTH 1500 FEET THEREOF. SECTON 34, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP. ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN. Street Address: 6463 124th, Fennville, Michigan 49408 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: April 10, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6440

(04-10)(05-01)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on July 3, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by PAUL E COMBS and LINDA L COMBS to American Advisors Group dated February 2, 2016 and recorded February 11, 2016 in Liber 4004 at Page 92, Allegan County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $95,131.08. Said premises are located in Allegan County, Michigan and are described as: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and lying in the Township of Trowbridge County of Allegan and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: Lot 10 of Maple Bathing Beach, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 51. BEING the same property conveyed to Paul E. Combs and Linda L. Combs by Warranty Deed from Robert F. Knowlton and Sharon J. Knowlton, dated April 14, 1983 and recorded April 18, 1983 at Book 1032, Page 396. Said property is commonly known as 3061 Baseline Road, Gobles, MI 49055. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: April 11, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 25-09544

(04-17)(05-08)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 15, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Heidi Sue Smit, an unmarried woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: February 10, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 15, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $93,589.08

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Holland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 176, Central Village Condominium No. 4, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1166, Page 205, Allegan County Records, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 31, and Amendments thereto, in any, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 46 Old Mill Dr Unit 20, Holland, MI 49423-7704

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: April 17, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(04-17)(05-08)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 15, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Karen J. Allen, a single woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

Date of Mortgage: November 2, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 8, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $142,811.59

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the center of Section 18, Town 2 North, Range 13 West; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 24 seconds East on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 841.84 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 24 seconds East on said 1/4 line 241.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 12 seconds West 1243.82 feet to the centerline of Babylon Road; thence North 79 degrees 30 minutes 04 seconds West on said centerline 245.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 12 seconds East 1199.21 feet to the place of beginning. Township of Allegan, County of Allegan.

Common street address (if any): 3459 Babylon Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-9220

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: April 17, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(04-17)(05-08)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 23-64382-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Doris M. Anderson Date of Birth:*01/03/1937

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Doris M. Anderson, died 08/12/2022.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cheryl Anderson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

07/12/2023
Martin H. Neumann P32465
2040 Aurelius Rd., Ste. 21
Holt, MI 48842
(517) 694-3300
Cheryl Anderson
3352 Clearview Lane
Saugatuck, MI 49453
(269) 941-3211

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)

whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: KAEDANCE JOYANNE JOHNSTON has filed a petition for name change.

A name change hearing will be held on MAY 13, 2025 AT 10:45 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTHOUSE before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater, to change the name of: KAEDANCE JOYANNE JOHNSTON to KAIRER LILLIAN SANGL

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Allegan COUNTY
SUMMONS
Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
CASE NUMBER 25-70126-CH
Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone number
Lona Sliter and Fred Sliter
Plaintiff's attorney bar number, address, and telephone number
Michael J. Becker; Orton Tooman PC P81132
314 Trowbridge St.
Allegan, M1 45010
269-673-2136
v
Defendant's name, address, and telephone number

JUAN TREVINO, ALICIA TREVINO, JOSE ALFARO SR., JOSE ALFARO JR, CANDELARIO TREVINO; and each of their unknown Hiers, Devisees and Assigns.

Civil Case

There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in the complaint.

SUMMONS

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.

2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside of Michigan).

3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4, If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arraingments

Issue Date: 2/18/25
Expiration date: 05/19/25

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLE

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highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 15, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Sherry Harrison, a married woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: November 25, 2015 Recorded on December 16, 2015, Liber 3989, on Page 85, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Fifty-Nine Thousand Eighty and 18/100 Dollars ($59,080.18) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lots 168, 169 and 170 of Hardendorf`s Addition, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 22, Allegan County Records. Commonly known as 420 S Grant St, Otsego, MI 49078 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(04-17)(05-08)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65524-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Kevin James McNamara Date of Birth:*03/29/1956
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Kevin James McNamara, died 10/25/2024 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Wintrust Private Trust Company, N.A. , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
04/16/2025
Richard Radke. Jr. P29275
3033 Orchard Vista Drive SE, Suite 308
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-559-8630
Wintrust Private Trust Company, N.A.
141 E 8th Streeet
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 396-9134

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Allegan County) NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County (at East front entrance to the Allegan County Building in Allegan County, Michigan.), starting promptly at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, June 5, 2025. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the junior mortgage made by Kerry J. Rodeghero aka Kerry Rodeghero an unmarried person and Dennis Todd Williamson aka Dennis T. Williamson, an unmarried person, as original mortgagors, to The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association, as original mortgagee, dated June 24, 2022, and recorded on July 21, 2022, at the Allegan County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 4781, commencing on Page 395. The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, was $109,581.57. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Clyde, in the County of Allegan and State of Michigan further described as follows: Lots 1 and 2, MOELLER SUBDIVISION, as recorded in Liber 7, Page 27, of Plats, Allegan County Records Commonly known as: 2341 59th Street, Fennville, MI The redemption period shall be Six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale or when the time to provide the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later or unless the redemption period is shortened in accordance with MCLA 600.3238. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278, the borrower and mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Shaheen, Jacobs & Ross, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated: April 17, 2025 The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association Mortgagee SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C. By: Michael J. Thomas, Esq. Attorney for Mortgagee 615 Griswold Street, Suite 1425 Detroit, Michigan 48226-3993 (313) 963-1301

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY PROBATE
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE NO. 25-70137-CH
Court telephone no. (269) 673-0300
Court address 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, Michigan 49010
Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
FLICKINGER SERVICE, LLC
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
TROTT LAW, P.C.
By: Robert J. Kinggo III (P68442)
31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248.593.0496
v
Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR ASSIGNEES OF
LEWIS JAMES FOLK
1491 102nd Ave.
Plainwell, MI 49080-9703
TO: Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Assignees of Lewis James Folk
IT IS ORDERED:
1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to quiet title as to property located at 1491 102nd Ave., Plainwell, MI 49080. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days after the date of last publication. yo, fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in €Wspaper that publishes in Allegan County for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.
Dated: 4-3-2025
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65607-DE and JUDGE HON. MICHAEL L. BUCK
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Paul Jeffrey Cerbin Date of Birth:*12/26/53
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Paul Jeffrey Cerbin, died 1/9/25.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Janet L. Cerbin, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
4-21-25
Janet L. Cerbin
2847 5th St.
Shelbyville, Mich 49344
616-322-290

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
COUNTY BUILDING, ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
File No.: 25-70030-CH
HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK
JEANNE BODFISH as Personal Representative for the ESTATE OF SHEILA ANN GARLOCK
Plaintiff
Vs
MARJORIE YEREK and her unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns; and, BENNIE MCANALLY and his unknown Hiers, Devisees and Assigns.
Defendant
Michael J. Becker P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
314 Trowbridge St., PO Box 239 Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136
MOTION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT
Plaintiff, by and through its counsel, Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown & Kiel, P.C., hereby states as follows:
1. On or about January 27, 2025, Plaintiffs filed a complaint against Defendants for Specific Performance and Adverse Possession as a result of failing to provide a deed in
fulfillment of the land contract.
2. Defendants were severed by publication as a result of the order for alternative service on February 20, 27, and March 6, 2025.
3. Defendants never filed an Answer to the Complaint.
4. Defendants were defaulted and an Order of Default was entered by this court on or about April 4, 2025.
WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that this court enter judgment quieting title and providing Plaintiffs with exclusive ownership of 514 62nd Street, South Haven, Michigan.
Dated: April 11, 2025
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
BY Michael J. Becker
Attorney for Plaintiffs
STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
COUNTY BUILDING, ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
File No.: 25-70030-CH
HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK
JEANNE BODFISH as Personal Representative for the ESTATE OF SHEILA ANN GARLOCK
Plaintiff
Vs
MARJORIE YEREK and her unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns; and, BENNIE MCANALLY and his unknown Hiers, Devisees and Assigns.
Defendant
Michael J. Becker P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
314 Trowbridge St., PO Box 239 Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136
NOTICE OF HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Judgment by Default will be held on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. before the Hon. Matthew Antkoviak in the Circuit Courtroom, County Building, Allegan, Michigan.
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Dated: April 14, 2025
BY Michael J. Becker
Attorney for Plaintiff
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65572-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Richard August Malmstrom Jr., Deceased Date of Birth:*11-01-1960
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard August Malmstrom Jr, died 01-20-2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Denise Marie Fiebig, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
4-15-2025
Christopher T. Antkoviak P59448
416 Hubbard Street
Allegan, MI 49010
(269)673-8468
Denise Marie Fiebig
1905 34th Street
Allegan, MI 49010
248-821-5402

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 5, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Tomas Brvenik and Anne L Oxendine, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union
Date of Mortgage: November 12, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: December 8, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $198,224.30
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Saugatuck, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 3 North, Range 16 West, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West
1130.35 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 154.05 feet; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes 13 seconds East 198.00 feet along a line which is North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 25.00 feet from and parallel with the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 154.05 feet; thence North 89 degrees 18-minutes 13 seconds West 198.00 feet to the point of beginning. Saugatuck Township, Allegan County, Michigan.
Common street address (if any): 2955 66th St, Fennville, MI 49408-9642
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: April 24, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent=s Trust Estate
File No.
Decedent: LIANE M. RILEY Date of Birth: July 15, 1940 TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LIANE M. RILEY , who lived at 11186 Long Point Dr, Plainwell , Michigan 49080 died August 30, 2024 . There is no probate estate.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against LIANE M. RILEY, or THE RILEY FAMILY TRUST dated October 4, 2017, will be forever barred unless presented to Melissa Riley Bradford, Veronica Riley Martens and William P. Riley, II, the named successor co-trustees within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
April 17, 2025
Charles S. Ofstein P76256
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1439 S. Michigan Avenue, #502
Chicago, Illinois 60605
William P. Riley, II, Co-Trustee
12920 Merlau Avenue
Plainwell, Michigan 49080

ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust
In the matter of the Gordon W. Breuker and Patricia J. Breuker Joint Living Trust established January 15, 2015, amended November 4, 2020, restated November 23, 2022, and September 25, 2023, and amended November 15, 2024
Patricia Joy Breuker was the surviving grantor of the Trust and her date of birth was September 8, 1941.
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Patricia Joy Breuker, died February 26, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Ellen Herdegen, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
P. Haans Mulder P61842
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616-392-1821
Mary Ellen Herdegen
858 Knollcrest Avenue
Holland, MI 49423
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m., on June 5, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by Gerald J. Sisson and Violet C. Sisson, husband and wife, as Mortgagor(s), to United Federal Credit Union, as Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated April 26, 2018 and was recorded May 4, 2018 at Liber 4243 Page 68 of Allegan County Records. The amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage and unpaid at the date of this Notice is FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR AND 63/100 ($44,184.63) DOLLARS, including interest on the applicable indebtedness at a rate of 5.75% per annum. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the Mortgage and its related note and which are permitted under Michigan law after the date of this Notice. No legal or equitable proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage has become operative by reason of the default. At the date and time as referenced previously in this Notice, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property herein described, or some part of them, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the Mortgage, along with interest due, the legal costs and charges of sale as allowed by statute and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on or prior to the date of said sale. The property mentioned and described in the Mortgage, as located in the Township of Lee, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan, are more particularly described as follows: Lots 30 & 31, Vio Ashdale's Addition, Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 12, Allegan County Records; Address: 5525 Highland Ave., Pullman, MI 49450; Tax Parcel No.: 03-12-760-030-00. together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures, including the affixed manufactured home; all easements, rights of way, streets, roads, alleys, and public places, privileges, and appurtenances, public or private, now or later used in connection with the premises; and all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of all applicable land division or platting acts, as amended from time to time. Attention Purchasers: the foreclosing Mortgagee reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to sale or to rescind this sale at any time. In that event, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. If the mortgaged property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless the redemption period is shortened pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 600.3238, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale or as otherwise provided by statute. DATED: April 24, 2025 ANDREW W. BARNES (P70571) BUTZEL LONG P.C. ATTORNEYS FOR UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 317 Center Street South Haven, MI 49090 269-287-2010

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on June 5, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Cory L. DeHaan, a Single Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc Date of Mortgage: September 1, 2015 Date of Mortgage Recording: September 16, 2015 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: $133,426.68 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: THAT PART OF THE EAST 2.75 ACRES OF THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, LYING SOUTH OF THE FORMER PERE MARQUETTE, NOW CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. PROPERTY AND NORTH OF BABYLON ROAD, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF BABYLON ROAD WITH THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 17 BEING NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 505.13 FEET FROM THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 17; THENCE PROCEEDING NORTHWESTERLY ON THE CENTERLINE OF BABYLON ROAD ON A 512.095 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT 216.80 FEET, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 23 SECONDS AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS NORTH 63 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 215.18 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 209.90 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. PROPERTY; THENCE ON SAID SOUTHERLY LINE SOUTH 71 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 203.00 FEET TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 17; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 242.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly Known as: 3301 Babylon Rd., Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 04/24/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 312992

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RELIGION SECTION

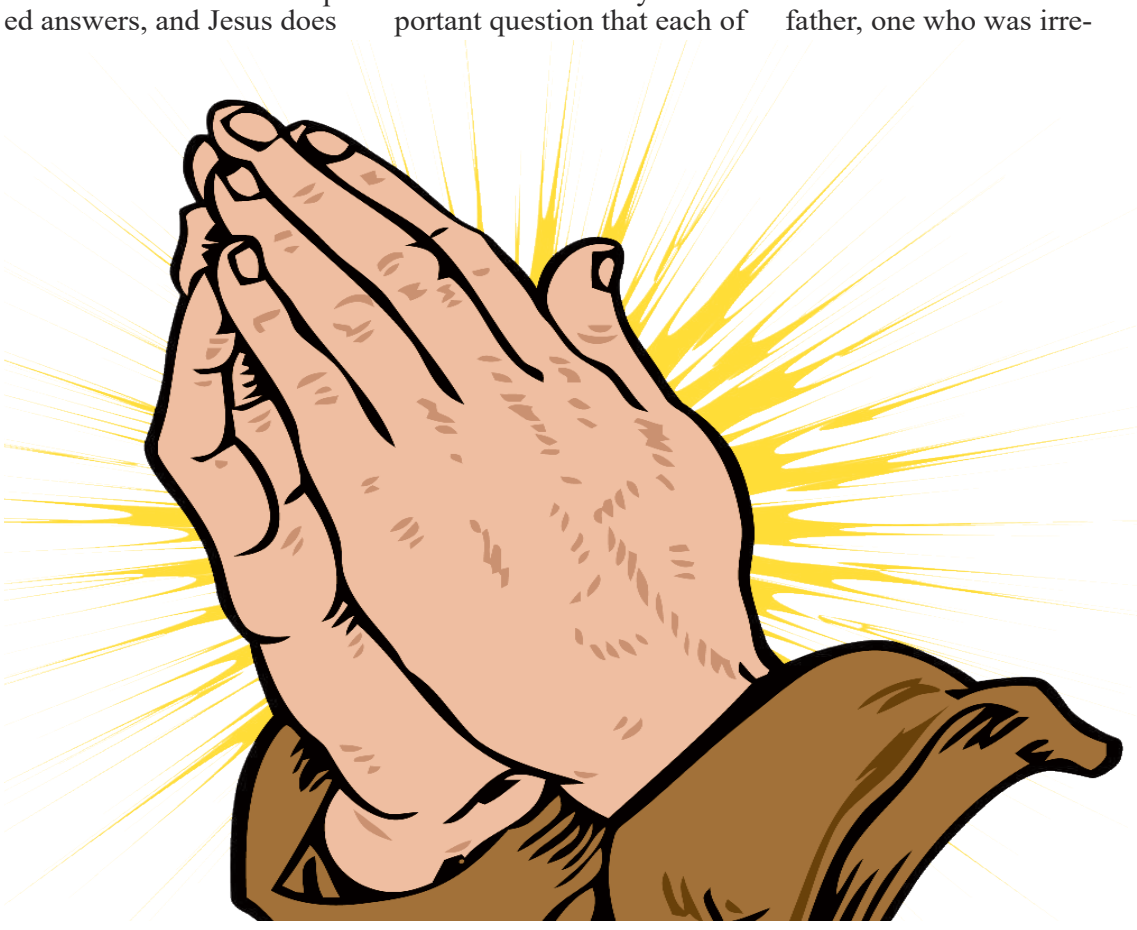
A year after he was ordained, Bishop Lee told us, "The one thing I learned is I no longer seem to have a first name. No one outside of my wife uses it, and everyone else seems to call me 'Bishop.'" We all laughed because it is true for most of us.

We have a first name, maybe a middle name, on our birth certificate, but family members might not always use it. Instead, they call us by a nickname, or another name that denotes our relationship to them. In other situations, they go 'bland'. When I went to university, I quickly discovered that none of us had first names - we called each other by our last name. Now, our name often varies depending on our work, professional titles and other labels that we use.

All of those names also explain some of our relationships with other people. There is nothing new about this, of course. We see it in the Gospels were Jesus was accorded a variety of names and titles such as Jesus son of Joseph, Jesus the carpenter's son, Son of David, Son of Man, rabbi, and so on.

In the 8th chapter of St Mark's Gospel, Jesus takes his disciples and asks them, "Who do people say I am?" They trot out all of the conventional and accepted answers, and Jesus does not debate or disagree with them. Instead, he changes the direction of the question, and asked the truly important one, "Who do you say I am?"

That is the really important question that each of us must answer in our own way. We answer it based on our experiences with him, but also partially filtered through our own experiences elsewhere. For example, if we had an absent or violent father, one who was irresponsible or emotionally detached, that may impact how we describe God the Father. Conversely, if our human father was warm, personable, kind, and patient, it will probably influence the words we use to describe God.



Our experiences are not all alike, and that can be chaotic and confusing. We don't like chaos as much as clarity and even uniformity. Too often that leads to an attempt to enforce conformity among believers, often laden with many "you must…" statements.

I believe a far better opportunity for spiritual growth comes when we understand we will have different descriptions of the nature and attributes of the Holy Trinity, and that we are often blessed when we listen to each other. By hearing others and learning of their experiences, and then reflecting over them, there are always new opportunities for a more deepening relationship with our Lord.

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Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
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Sunday Worship: 10:00am

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